## Order of Worship: Sunday, February 26, 2023 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. 1st Sunday in Lent

**Welcome** Rev. Becky Rokitowski, Associate Pastor

**Prelude/Lighting of the Candles** (8:30) May the Mind of Christ

arr. J. Schrader

**Responsive Invocation** (8:30)

Cynthia Prescott and

Congregation

When the world divides us:

Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.

When the world calls us orphaned:

Come, Holy Spirit, make us family.

When the world leads us astray:

Come, Holy Spirit, call us home.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come! Come and fill this place!

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Prelude/Call to Worship (11:00)

The Promise

B. Hehn/M.Burrows

Kids@Art Choir

**Opening Hymn** 

Forward Through the Ages

**UMH 555** 

**Lighting of the Candles** (11:00 a.m.)

Acolytes

## **Prayer of Confession**

Cynthia Prescott and Congregation

We confess that the circle of love is repeatedly broken

because of our sin of exclusion.

We create separate circles: the inner circle and the outer circle,

the circle of power and the circle of despair,

the circle of privilege and the circle of deprivation.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.

We confess that the circle of love is broken

whenever there is alienation, whenever there is misunderstanding, whenever there is insensitivity or a hardening of the heart.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.

We confess that the circle of love is broken

whenever we cannot see eye to eye,

whenever we cannot link hand to hand,

whenever we cannot live heart to heart and affirm out differences.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.

Through God's grace we are forgiven, by the mercy of our Creator, through the love of Christ, and in the power of the Spirit. Let us rejoice and be glad! Glory to God! Amen.

(Miriam Therese Winter, U.S.A., 20th cent., Alt.)

**Response** Kyrie A. Dvorak

(Kyrie eleison: Lord, have mercy)

**Passing of the Peace** 

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer Rev. Becky Rokitowski

Anthem Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door arr. L.A. Spevacek Kids@Art Choir

(8:30: Grades 3-5 Ensemble)

Children's Chat Rev. Rokitowski

The Offering

Offering Prayer Rev. Scriven

**Offertory** Jesus, United By Thy Grace arr. E. Whitsett

**Doxology** UMH 95

Scripture I Corinthians 12: 12-26 Cynthia Prescott

**Sermon** "Ubuntu : I Am Because We Are" Rev. Dr. Latricia Scriven

Closing Hymn They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love TFWS 2223

Sending Forth Rev. Scriven

**Postlude** Jesus Shall Reign arr. H. Hopson