



**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • March 14, 2021**  
Fourth Sunday in Lent



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**Preparatory Music**

*I Could Sing of Your Love Forever*

arr. Carol Tornquist

**Welcome**

*Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.  
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin.*

**Prelude**

*God So Loved the World*

arr. Robert Thygerson

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 107

Give thanks to the LORD, who is good,  
whose mercy endures forever.  
Let us give thanks for the mercy of God,  
for the wonders the LORD does for all people.  
For God satisfies the thirsty  
and fills the hungry with good things.

**Hymn 634**

"To God Be the Glory"

*To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that all may go in.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great things he has done!  
Great things he has taught us; great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great things he has done!*

**Prayer of the Day**

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that

no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it. In your light may we see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Scripture Reading

John 3: 14-21

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

## Hymn 215

"What Wondrous Love is This"

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!*

*What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse  
for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!*

*To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I am, while millions join the theme,  
I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the them, I will sing!*

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity,  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and through eternity I'll sing on.*

## Sermon

*To save and not condemn*

## Offertory

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Stuart Townsend

Offerings for God's work through Paw Creek Church are gratefully received in the baskets by the entrance and exits to the sanctuary, or by mail to the church office.

## Prayers of God's People

Beginning with announcements and prayer concerns; and concluding with *The Lord's Prayer*

## Hymn 137

"He Came Down"

*He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore.*

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*. . . that we may have light*

*. . . that we may have joy*

## **Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*I Stand Amazed*

arr. Janice Faber