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**Next Sunday, March 25, 2018  
Palm/Passion Sunday**

Pastor Diane Gordon preaching

Sermon Series: Giving It Up  
Sermon Title: Giving Up: Popularity

Texts: Mark 11:1-11 NRSV  
Philippians 2:5-11 NRSV

WORSHIP SERVICES CAN BE SEEN ON CHANNEL 191

**Traditional Worship Service:** Tuesday - 7:00 pm,  
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We are a Stephen Ministry congregation  
Christian Care, Compassion, Listening  
— when you need it most.

Spiritual Direction is available to the congregation.



March 18, 2018

9:00 a.m.

*"Making Disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the Transformation of the World."*

Lenten Series: Giving It Up  
Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 18, 2018

*\*Those who are comfortable standing, please stand.*

**PRELUDE**

*Kingsfold*  
Genesis Bells

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(Please take a moment to sign the welcome pad  
and pass it to others in the pew.)*

**\* GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR**

**\* OPENING HYMN**      *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*      No. 384

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Jeremiah 31:31-34 CEB

Leader: The Word of God for all people.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER** *(Ushers will collect your purple prayer requests)*

Prayer Song      *Be Still, My Soul*      No. 534

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom  
come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.**

**Amen.**

**PSALTER LESSON**

Psalm 51:1-12 CEB

**\* HYMN OF PREPARATION**      *Are Ye Able*      No. 530

**\* GOSPEL READING**      John 12:20-33 CEB

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

*I Opened My Mouth to the Lord*  
Chancel Choir

**THE MESSAGE**

Giving Up: Our Lives      Pastor Diane Gordon

**A TIME OF OFFERING**

Invitation

Offertory      *God's Wondrous World*      Pat Messick  
Children's Choir

\* Doxology      No. 95

\* Prayer of Dedication

*(Loose coins will go to Habitat for Humanity.)*

**\* HYMN OF DEDICATION**      *Take My Life, and Let It Be*      No. 399

**\* BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*I Come to the Cross*  
by Bill Batstone and Bob Somma

We are glad to be able to worship together today.  
We invite you to join us for coffee and fellowship  
in the Gathering Space following the service.