Wednesday Evening Lenten Service
April 6, 2022

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Come apart for a while from popular viewpoints; come looking for a better way to live.

**People: Teach us your ways, Sovereign God; turn our hearts toward your decrees.**

Leader: Come to the light of God’s love, that you may deal mercifully with yourselves.

**ALL: CONFIRM IN US YOUR PROMISES, GRACIOUS GOD, FOR WE SEEK TO BE LOVING AND TRUSTWORTHY.**

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Impartial and Loving God, we bow in awe before you. From our varied concerns and competing views, we come seeking our common humanity and the power to become uncommonly faithful. Open our hearts to receive your teaching and our hands to do your work. Keep us from vengeance or grudges as you help us to love our neighbors as ourselves. AMEN.**

Hymn “You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd” (verses 1 & 2) W&S #3043

Scriptures Philippians 2:1-11 (The Message)

 Matthew 5:43-45

Message “How Can Love Overcome What Divides Us?” Rev. Susan Nienaber

Prayers of the People/Our Lord’s Prayer

Hymn “You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd” (verses 3 & 4) W&S #3043

Benediction

Leader: Go to share encouragement in Christ.

**People: We go to offer consolation in love.**

Leader: Go to spread the gifts of the Spirit.

**People: We go to make God’s love complete.**

**ALL: DO THESE THINGS AND YOU WILL TRULY LIVE.**

Postlude