

# Worship Order February 17, 2021

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Hymn**

*O God How We Have Wandered*

**Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, forgive us, for we have fallen short of your vision for humanity. We have put ourselves before others, ignored the vulnerable, and forgotten you altogether. We have missed the point of your kingdom. Have mercy on us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

**Prayer Response**

*O Lord Hear My Prayer*

**Assurance of God's Love**

Hear the good news! God hears our prayers and, even in our human frailty, promises to be with us in our wilderness times. Live in the grace of God's love as you walk in the way of Jesus and surely you shall find mercy at the end of that road. Amen.

**Scripture**

Luke 9:51-62

**Hymn**

*Give Me a Clean Heart*

**Message**

**Prayer Litany (from the Iona Community)**

Because temptation is a part of who we are. Because we know the weariness of being in desert places. Because we strive for power and the false promises of the world. **Have mercy on us. We need you, O God.**

Because we see the broken before the whole. Because we see the cup half empty and never full. Because we only see the unfinished task and the things undone. **Have mercy on us. We need you, O God.**

Because we trust in what we can see instead of having faith. Because we are blinded by our prejudices and our unfair assumptions. **Have mercy on us. We need you, O God.**

Because our need for looking good exceeds our need for truth. Because our excuses ignore the cry of the wounded. Because we celebrate our blessings without sharing. **Have mercy on us. We need you, God.**

Because you walked among us, and we ignored you. Because we know you and choose not to follow. Because we choose ourselves over you. **Have mercy on us. We need you, O God.**

**Hymn**

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**