

# Intergenerational Worship Celebration Into Lent 2017

## *“Shaped By The Story”*



*A Season Of Self-Reflection...  
Held In Our Baptisms...One Life, One Love, One Breath!*

### **Gathering**

*“Ring Around The Rosie”  
...falling up!*

*What’s the best story you’ve ever heard?  
If you were going to tell a story, how would it begin? End?  
Our Master Story is the story of who we are becoming!  
You write the ending shaped by the middle? How shall you begin?*

### **Call to Worship**

**All: This Lent we give ourselves to self-reflection...**

Pastor:

So we may know more deeply who we are! And this takes courage....holding all parts of our story in tension with all the other parts! And the result? A wisdom to know what to let shape (and not let shape!) our lives! It takes courage, discipline, humor, curiosity, imagination, and dedication. It takes *letting* the Master Story shape your daily story! This moves us through Lent into Easter.

**All:**

**And beyond! This Lent let me suspend criticism while engaging my critical mind!  
This Lent may I give myself to this reality: God’s Love For Me Is Real and Defies All  
Other Realities! New life is mine for the living!**

### **Bible Wisdom Teachings**

*Hear these readings as invitations to be shaped anew by our Master Story.*

Joel 2: 12-13, 15-16, 26-29

Psalm 51: 6-14

### **Reflection**

**Our Two Word Story This Day!**

**An Invitation to Lent**

*Friends, what needs to drop away in order for you to allow yourself to fully embrace the love and wisdom within you....to let it shape you?*

*Turn toward what has possibility for your life: Watch what drops away as you do!*

**Remembering Our Baptisms**

*Sharing The Waters.*

**Song:**

*“Jesus Loves Me”*

**Marked With Ashes**

*Remembering Whose We Are....*

*Marked with the meaning of life vulnerable yet eternal.*

**Affirming Our Faith With Intention**

**I believe in the wholeness of life, made known as creation’s moving power in wind and sea, and as awakening love within the human heart.**

**I believe in the holiness of life. I believe in new life, of all life yearning for fulfillment.**

**I believe in the indestructible togetherness of life and the changing life we share, and in the opportunity for each to contribute to the well-being of communities and our environment.**

**I believe in the shared life of play and worship, art and science, industry and government.**

**I believe in the triumph of love over hate, peace over war, life over death.**

**I believe that beneath the brokenness of tragedy lie seeds of fresh creation: that tragedy need never be in vain.**

**I believe I have the beginning courage to live my life with the whole of my life’s story. And, I am willing to lay my story alongside the Master Story of our faith and glean wisdom for the living of this day. I have the power to shape a new life story!**

**Singing Our Faith: “I Love To Tell The Story”**

*(Songsheet)*

**Our Prayers**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Sung Benediction**

**Holy One, now we your servants go in peace.  
Your word lives on in us.**

## **“I Love To Tell The Story”**

*Let's have fun with this...it's a golden oldie that can shape us anew!*

**I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.**

### ***Refrain:***

***I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.***

**I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems  
Than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.  
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;  
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.**

### ***Refrain***

**I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat  
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.**

### ***Refrain***

**I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.**

### ***Refrain***