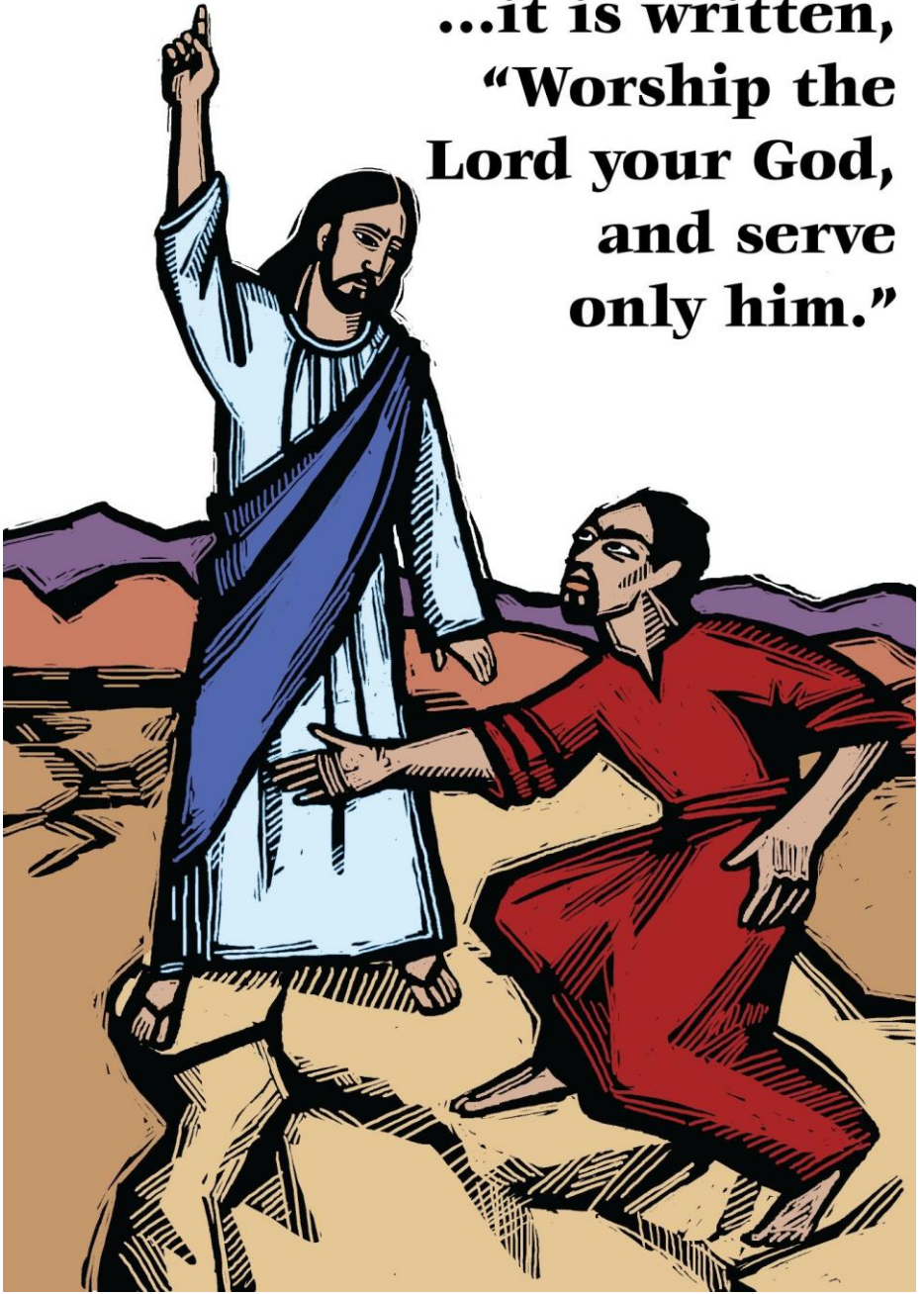


**...it is written,
“Worship the
Lord your God,
and serve
only him.”**



March 9, 2025

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9:30 AM 1st Sunday in Lent
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If you're looking for a community that seeks to follow God's star, there is a place for you here. Trust that the mystery of God has brought you this far on your journey and will guide your future steps. All of who you are is welcome here.

Our worship services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel and our website. If you do not wish to be filmed, please do not sit in the first four pews or the last pew. Children's Time and communion distribution are not filmed.

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of God, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

SINGING BOWL

With the help of the Spirit, look within. See what burdens may be lifted, what obstacles may be removed, what new life and promise await us.

PRELUDE: “*One of these Days*”

One of these days I’m gonna fly over the mountain
One of these days I’m gonna ride on the silver linin’
One of these days I’m gonna witness all I’ve been missin’
One of these days

One of these days I’m gonna do all the things that I’ve never
done

I’m gonna finish all the races that I’ve run but I’ve never won
And I’m gonna see a million faces and recognize everyone
One of these days

Chorus:

One of these days I’m gonna see that hand that took the nails
for me

One of these days I’m gonna hold the key to the mansion built
for me

One of these days I’m gonna walk the streets of gold that were
paved for me

One of these days I’m gonna see my savior face to face
One of these days

One of these days I gonna say just what became of me on the day
that I believed when you gave yourself to me
and I believe I will say what I would have been if you didn’t
save me

One of these days

And one of these days I’m gonna talk with all the saints that
have gone before

And in their sandals I will walk and we will sit along the shore
And I will learn all the things that I never knew before all this
and more

Chorus

One of these da-ay-ays (4 times)

One of these days I'll finally be in a place where there's no
more need

No more pain and no more grief, No more foolish disbelief
And all the joy there will be when at last we finally see
One of these days

Chorus:

One of these days I'm gonna see that hand that took the nails
for me

One of these days I'm gonna hold the key to the mansion built
for me

One of these days I'm gonna walk the streets of gold that were
paved for me

One of these days I'm gonna see my savior face to face

One of these days

One of these days

WELCOME

Please Stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: If you have days when you feel a little bit lost and a little
bit found,

All: then you are in the right place.

L: If you have days when you are desperate for rest and
eager to grow,

All: then you are in the right place.

L: If you have days when your prayers could be both shouts
and silence,

All: then you are in the right place.

L: God meets us here, in the messy middle of our lives.

**All: So may we bring our full selves into this service and
into this season.**

L: With God's help, may it be so.

All: Let us worship our all-loving God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

All: Amen.

P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate One,

All: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In Christ our sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

All: Amen.

HYMN: "Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind but now I see

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed

Chorus:

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures

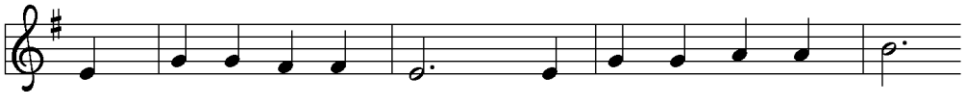
Chorus (2x)

GREETING

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land.

All: Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Be Seated

GATHERING . . . **WORD** . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

R: Lead us in your truths, O God.

All: Teach us your ways and your paths.

R: Into whatever journey lies before us,

All: lead on, Holy Spirit; lead on.

R: The first reading is from Romans, chapter ten, beginning with the eighth verse.

FIRST READING: *Romans 10:8b-13*

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart.” This is the Word of faith. For if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Sovereign and believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved. Faith in the heart leads to being put right with God, confession on the lips to our deliverance.

Scripture says, “No one who believes in God will be put to shame.” Here there is no difference between Jew and Greek; all have the same Creator, rich in mercy toward those who call: “Everyone who calls on the name of the Most High will be saved.”

R: Here ends the reading.
In God's love, we are delivered.

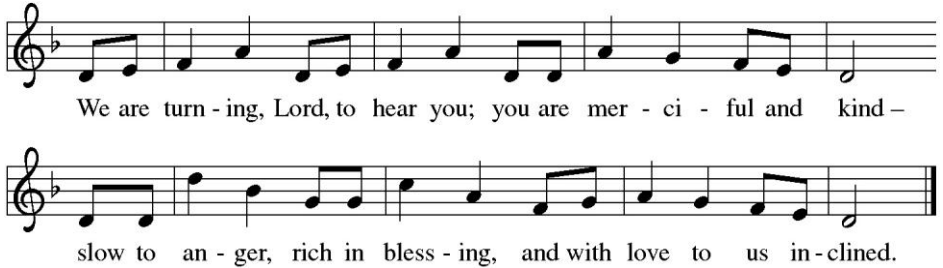
All: In God's presence, we are sheltered.

R: In times of trouble and times of joy,

All: God is with us, always and everywhere.

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -
slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

P: The holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter four.

All: Glory to you, O God.

GOSPEL: *Luke 4:1-13*

Jesus returned from the Jordan filled with the Holy Spirit, and she led him into the desert for forty days, where he was tempted by the Devil. Jesus ate nothing during that time, at the end of which he was famished.

The Devil said to Jesus, "If you are God's Own, command this stone to turn into bread." Jesus answered, "Scripture has it, 'We don't live on bread alone.' "

Then the Devil took Jesus up higher and showed him all the nations of the world in a single instant. The Devil said, "I'll give you all the power and the glory of these nations; the power has been given to me and I can give it to whomever I wish. Prostrate yourself in homage before me, and it will all be yours."

In reply, Jesus said, "Scripture has it: 'You will worship the Most High God; God alone will you adore.' "

Then the Devil led Jesus to Jerusalem, set him up on the parapet of the Temple and said, “If you are God’s Own, throw yourself down from here, for scripture has it, ‘God will tell the angels to take care of you; with their hands they’ll support you, that you may never stumble on a stone.’ ”

Jesus said to the Devil in reply, “It also says, ‘Do not put God to the test.’ ”

When the Devil had finished all this tempting, Jesus was left alone. The Devil awaited another opportunity.

P: The Gospel of our Living God.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S TIME: “*Stepping Stones through Lent*”

– Carmen Blair

HYMN: “*Revelation*”

Verse 1:

My life has led me down the road that's so uncertain
Now I am left alone and I am broken
Tryin' to find my way tryin' to find the faith
That's gone

Verse 2:

This time I know
That You are holding all the answers
I'm tired of losing hope and taking chances on roads
That never seem to be the ones that bring me home

Chorus:

Give me a revelation
Show me what to do
'Cause I've been tryin' to find my way
I haven't got a clue

Tell me should I stay here or do I need to move
Give me a revelation
I've got nothing without You
I've got nothing without You

Verse 3:

My life has led me down
This path that's ever winding
Through ev'ry twist and turn
I'm always finding that I am lost again
Tell me when this road will ever end

Chorus:

Give me a revelation
Show me what to do
'Cause I've been tryin' to find my way
I haven't got a clue
Tell me should I stay here or do I need to move
Give me a revelation
I've got nothing without You
I've got nothing without
I've got nothing without You

Be Seated

HOMILY – Pastor Tim

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: As the ancient Hebrews were called to offer the first fruit of the harvest, so we are called to offer our gifts of gratitude to God.

All: **May God move in our hearts and minds, as we give generously, gratefully, and joyfully.**

THANKFUL OFFERING

OFFERING SONG: "Of My Hands" vs. 1,2,4

Of my hands I give to you, O Lord
Of my hands I give to you
I give to you as you gave to me
Of my hands I give to you

Of my heart I give to you, O Lord
Of my heart I give to you
I give to you as you gave to me
Of my heart I give to you

Of my gifts I give to you, O Lord
Of my gifts I give to you
I give to you as you gave to me
Of my gifts I give to you

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: "We Place upon Your Table, Lord" vs. 1,3



1 We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, the food of
3 Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them



life, the bread and wine, as sym-bols of our dai - ly
hum - bly from your hand. These gifts of yours for high - er



work, ac - cord - ing to your grand de - sign.
use we of - fer up as you com - mand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: God of abundance, we offer these gifts, along with our praise and thanksgiving.

All: You generously pour out your love and the gifts of this good earth to us, each and every day.

L: Bless the gifts we return to you now, that they may bring abundant love and sustenance to many in need of your blessing.

All: With grateful hearts, we pray. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

L: Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need. Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

All: receive our prayer.

L: Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one. God, in your mercy,

All: receive our prayer.

L: Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. Protect migrants and refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share. God, in your mercy,

All: receive our prayer.

L: Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless lay ministers, home communion teams, and others who

attend to those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely, that all find belonging in your love. We pray for all who are ill. God, in your mercy,

All: receive our prayer.

L: God of all, hear the prayers of our heart said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: God, in your mercy,

All: receive our prayer.

L: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

All: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: Christ is with you.

All: And also with you

L: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

L: Let us give our thanks to the Holy One.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

All: We praise you, O God.

P: Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

All: We bless you, O God.

P: We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

All: We thank you, O God.

P: *In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: *We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.*

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: *Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation which is most familiar to each of us.*

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: *Come and receive Jesus,*

All: our strength in the wilderness.

Be Seated

Holy Communion is open to all.

Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.

Gluten-free host is available upon request.

Please come forward after the Lamb of God is sung

For walking communion:

You may come down the center aisle. Hold out your hand for the pastor to drop the host into, then take a cup of wine (red), grape juice (yellow), or water (clear, center) from the assistant's tray, then return to your seat via the side aisles, depositing your empty cup in the provided bowls. You may walk behind the Praise Band.

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMN: "Communion"

Chorus:

This is the body

This is the blood

Broken and poured out

For all of us

(And) In this communion

We share in His love

This is the body

This is the blood

Verse:

I will remember ev'rything Lord
That You've done for me
I won't take for granted the sacrifice
That set me free
I hunger and thirst for Your love
Come fill me today

Chorus:

This is the body
This is the blood
Broken and poured out
For all of us
(And) In this communion
We share in His love
This is the body
This is the blood

Bridge:

We hunger and thirst for Your love
And Your righteousness
We long for Your presence here Lord
Be with us again

Chorus (twice)

Ending:

This is the body
This is the blood

COMMUNION HYMN: “*Stay Here*”

Stay here and keep watch with me
The hour has come
Stay here and keep watch with me
Watch and pray

SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy.

All: Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation,

P: mending broken hearts, working for justice,

All: and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new.

All: Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

Be Seated

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Please Stand

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

P: Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to: walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God.

All: We will walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High.

P: Walk in faith, knowing Christ walks with you.

All: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: “Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Chorus:

Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

(Repeat)

Verse 1:

To see You high and lifted up

Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy holy holy

Chorus

Bridge:

Holy holy holy

Holy holy holy

Holy holy holy

I want to see You

(Repeat)

Verse 1

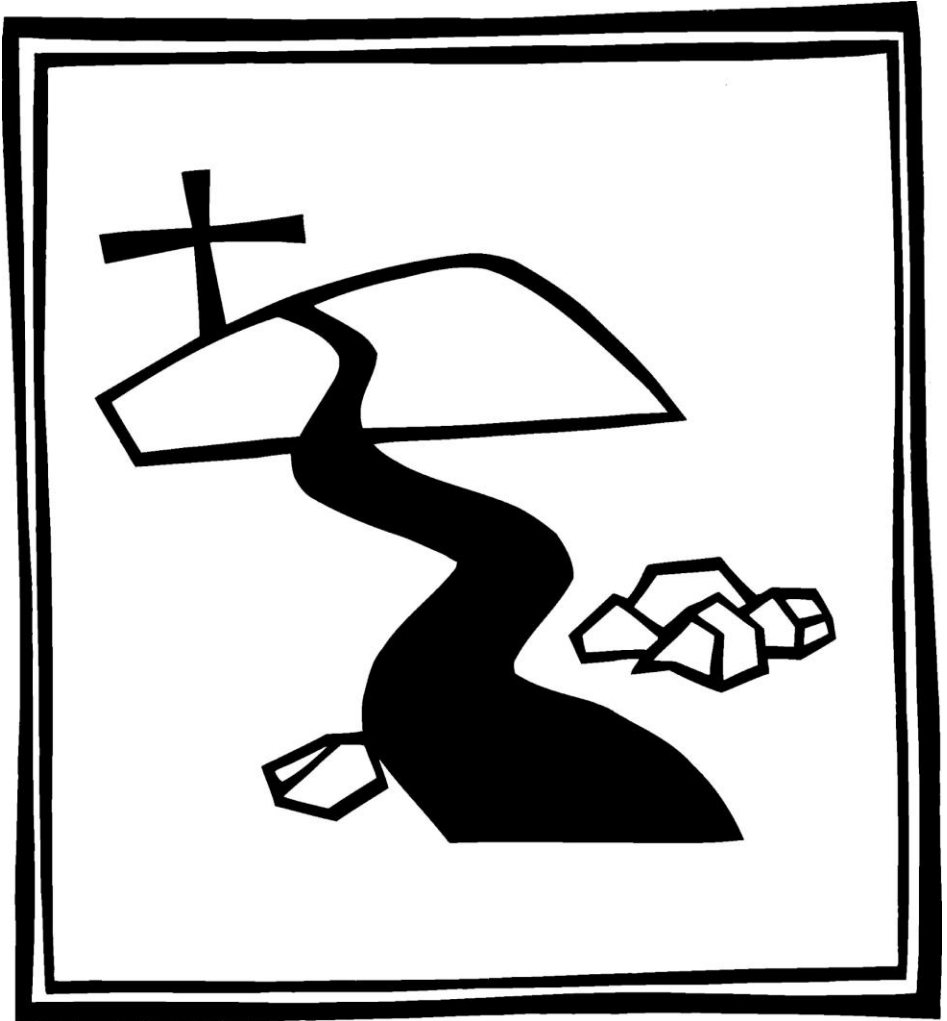
Bridge

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

All: We go forth to love and serve.

POSTLUDE



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