

Prayers and Praises

As we enjoy the warmth and safety of our home, let us be aware and pray for those who are homeless and for people in many places in the world forced to flee as refugees.

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First Sunday in Lent March 6, 2022 9:00am

Prelude

*(Welcome to our Service of Worship. We are so glad you are here! We extend a special welcome to our visitors. To learn more about us please speak to the pastor or one of the ushers. **Masking and social distancing are not required but are respected and encouraged. Please consider your own health and the health of those you love.**)*

Announcements

Lit candle is brought in reminding us of Christ in our Midst.

*Call to Worship

Remember the story of our faith. We are the people God has delivered.
Rejoice in the hope of our faith. God goes with us, step by step.
Cling to the promise of our faith. Our God will not abandon us.

Carol Wetzel

*Prayer

Great and loving God, God of our ancestors, out of your great love for us you left your place in heaven and lived at one with us. You rule over all the kingdoms of all the nations, from the beginning of time to the end of time. Power and might are in your hands alone and no power can withstand you. Amen. *(Adapted from 2 Chronicles 20:6)*

***Opening Hymn: #212 "Within Your Shelter, Loving God"** (vs. 1, 3 & 5)

*Call to Confession

The journey of life always leads to a wilderness of guilt, frustration, and the sense that we are not in the right place. But even in the wilderness, God is with us. Even in the wilderness, God's mercy is sure. Trusting in this mercy, let us confess our sins.

* Confession

As Lent unfolds before us, great God, we see how far we have to go to reach Jerusalem.
The road is long, our sins are many, and our burdens are heavy. We can't imagine new life, Easter life, because our current lives are filled with bad choices and failed efforts.
Meet us in our weakness, great God. Take up our sins. Ease our burdens. Carry us on the way.
Bring us to Jerusalem, at last. Show us a love that is stronger than death, a love no tomb can hold.

*Silent Confession
(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)*

***GTG Hymnal #575 Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us** (words and music on screen)

***Forgiveness**

Walking this earth, facing temptation, defeating sin, Jesus has done for us what we could never do for ourselves. This is good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Scripture: Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Luke 4:1-13

***Apostles' Creed (Unison)**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,
our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Message "Focus"

Pastor Ken Locke

Sacrament of Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, for you made us, and before us, you made the world we inhabit, and before the world, you made the eternal home in which, through Christ, we have a place...

Therefore, we gladly join our voices of the Church on earth and in heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Remembrance and Words of Institution

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died,

Christ has risen,

Christ will come again.

Prayers of Intercession and Petition

The 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.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned 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.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

The Response

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me,
bless God's holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and forget not all God's benefits.**

The Offering

Offering

(We encourage you to share from your abundance to support the ministries and outreach of our church. You may give in person during the service, mail your check to our church office or give electronically through our website.)

***Offertory #428** "We Give Thee but Thine Own" (vs 1)

***Closing Hymn: #85** "What Wondrous Love is This"

***Benediction**

***Closing Refrain: GTG #542** God, Be with You Till we Meet Again (vs. 1)

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Postlude