

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

(Everything you need to follow the service is in this bulletin. The hymns are at the end. In preparation for Communion, place whatever food and drink you are using for the elements near your worship space. After the Lord's Prayer and Invitation to Communion, I'll invite you to serve yourself or each other using the following words: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.)



PRELUDE

Healer of Our Every Ill
~ Keith Kolander

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

In the season of Lent we are invited to consider how we live as the community of Christ – to look at our decisions and our actions straight on, to hold them up to the example of Christ, and to make amends. In this time of silence, and in our prayer together, let us look at our lives. We pray, first in silence.

Silence

Together, we pray:

Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace, and Giver of Life:

Hear our prayer.

There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us

From one another and from You.

We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow,

For fear of admitting our part in the separation,

For fear of being rejected when we reach out.

You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships,

To a wholeness with each other and with You.

Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations

Through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

KYRIE



1, 3	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2	Chris - te e - le - i - son.	Chris - te e - le - i - son.
1, 3	Lord, have mer - cy.	Lord, have mer - cy.
2	Christ, have mer - cy.	Christ, have mer - cy.



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, you have made a covenant of love with us in the gift of baptism and have called us to share that love with all. Be with us as we begin our journey through Lent. Guide our hearts and sustain us with your presence in our shared life together as your beloved community. In hope, we pray.

Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

How I Trust Him

~ Mark Hayes

Psalm 25:1-10

¹To | you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me
according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

The gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." ¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. ¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Keep us Steadfast in Your Word

(ELW 517)

PRAYERS

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

In Jesus you have come near to us in every place and time. Give your church throughout the world a spirit of humility and repentance; teach us to trust always in the good news of your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

All of your creation groans under the stress we have placed upon it. Protect all the earth's creatures from destruction, especially the ones living in our own city and surrounding lands. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You are a God of steadfast love and faithfulness. Direct the words and actions of leaders in our community and throughout the world, that they may be faithful in their work to maintain justice for those we are quick to forget. Guide our leaders as they make decisions about in-person schooling, distribution of vaccines, and allocation of resources to those who are struggling because of the current economic crisis. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Even in the wilderness you are with us. Walk alongside migrants and refugees crossing dangerous lands. Be with all who are experiencing cold and duress because of winter storms, especially the people of Texas. Give healing and strength to all who are suffering the devastating health effects of COVID-19. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the covenant of baptism you claim us as beloved children. Nurture us in our baptismal identity and teach us to live within it for the sake of others. Strengthen this congregation's ministries of care and concern, especially our provision of food and quilts and support to those who are alone or hungry or sick. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We lift to you now the other prayers on our hearts and minds. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In baptism, you give us hope for eternal life in you. We praise you for all those who have died trusting in your faithfulness. Bring us with them to the place you have prepared for us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

(ELW 325)

BLESSING

As we go forth on our Lenten journeys
may the God of all creation strengthen our spirits,
renew us in relationship,
And surround us in love.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Sicilian Mariners"
~ Alfred Fedak

Musicians: Brent Anderson, Dan Smith, Em Smith

Preacher: Tom Dodd

Reader: Brent Johnson

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Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are arranged in three numbered parts. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics. The second system covers the next two lines. The third system covers the final two lines. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with chords and single notes.

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

*We are trying something new with the prayer list. A brief description will be added next to each person or concern. We will be checking in with the person or people making the prayer requests on a periodic basis to ensure the list is up to date. Do you have an update for us? Do you see someone we missed or a description that needs to be filled out? Please let Melinda know. Thank you for your help and your prayers!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

In Death: the family and friends of James Howard, Jeanne Hubbard's grandson

Update: Melissa, former daughter-in-law of Mary & Brian Hamilton, is doing much better. Prayers are still welcome as she lives into her new role as grandma!

- **Ted Anderson** - Recovery after successful surgery to treat spinal arthritis
- **Nola Baird** - Healing
- **Leslie Bjornbak** – Prayers for good health
- **Denise Blake** (daughter of Billie Scott-Totress) – Missionary work
- **Merry Burbank** - Health issues
- **Kathy Cantrell** (mother of Heather McBride) – Transition
- **Jacque (and Josh) Cavanagh** - Pregnancy complications
- **Marge Churchill** – Homebound
- **David Crane** (Carolyn Bauder & Judy Koppermann's nephew) - Healing
- **Willard Grabofsky** - Radiation treatment for cancer
- **Jeanne Hubbard** - Shoulder Surgery
- **Marilyn Kalstad** - Spontaneous spinal fluid leak
- **Zarir Khademian** (uncle of Noah Kerr) - Healing from COVID-19 and brain cancer
- **Peter Kugler** - Continued healing after construction accident
- **Mike Oberman** (family friend of Suzanne Cavanagh) - Immunotherapy for melanoma
- **Linda Omar** (friend of Nanci Strickland) - Cancer treatment
- **Jim and Tim Paulson** (not brothers, but nephews of Dave and Diane Paulson) - Both with Covid infections.
- **Ardell Smith** - Undergoing chemotherapy and immunotherapy for cancer of the spine
- **Sidsel & Mike Tompkins** – Continued healing after car accident