Welcome. Peace be with you.

Welcome to all who are joining us virtually. In this time of social distancing and COVID-19 pandemic response, we are grateful for the opportunity to gather in spirit.

Children are welcome in worship. Kids, grab your SPARK Story Bibles and set up your craft tables!

In our service today, we will share **Holy Communion**. If you'd like to participate, please have bread and wine or juice available.

We welcome your feedback as we experiment with livestreaming worship! What works or doesn't work? What should we try? Our contact info is on the back page of this bulletin.

During today's service, **use the comments** section on YouTube or chat section on Zoom for prayer requests.

We will engage these live during the Prayers of the People.

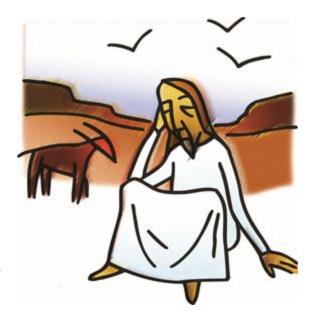
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First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Pastor Jen Nagel (presiding minister); Ann Lee (testimony); James Flaten (assisting minister); The ULCHers - Tim Gustafson, Paul Odenbach, Ben Larson, Mark Nelson, Jay Carlson; Hope Choir (music); Jacob Lanthier (lector); Liz Brondos Fry and Matt Fry (Tech facilitators)



gathering

We gather for worship on the land of our Creator, the traditional home of the Dakota people, and a land over which the Anishinabe people and others also moved. They gathered and ate food, rested, died and gave birth, and prayed here, and many still do.

Assembly parts are marked in bold.

Prelude - O God, We Call



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Music: O GOD, WE CALL, Linnea Good Text and music © 1994 Borealis Music, linneagood.com

Welcome

Opening Prayer for Healing and Renewal

- 1: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)
- 2: God gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. (Isaiah 40:29)
- 1: The Lord heals the broken-hearted, and binds up their wounds. (Psalm 147:3)
- 2: We join our voices in prayer to the One who heals and rebuilds what we have broken.



Additional petitions are sung by the leader; the assembly responds, "Heal us, Lord . . ."

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- 2: O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. (Psalm 30:2)
- 1: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. (1 Peter 2:24)

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Holy God,

in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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Healing and Renewal - Testimony - Ann Lee

First Reading - Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and 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. I 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." God 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: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I 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. When 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." God 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.

Dios les habló otra vez a Noé y a sus hijos, y les dijo: «Yo establezco mi pacto con ustedes, con sus descendientes, y con todos los seres vivientes que están con ustedes, es decir, con todos los seres vivientes de la tierra que salieron del arca: las aves, y los animales domésticos y salvajes. Este es mi pacto con ustedes: Nunca más serán exterminados los seres humanos por un diluvio; nunca más habrá un diluvio que destruya la tierra»Y Dios a.ñadió: «Esta es la señal del pacto que establezco para siempre con ustedes y con todos los seres vivientes que los acompañan: He colocado mi arco iris en las nubes, el cual servirá como señal de mi pacto con la tierra. Cuando yo cubra la tierra de nubes, y en ellas aparezca el arco iris, me acordaré del pacto que he establecido con ustedes y con todos los seres vivientes. Nunca más las aguas se convertirán en un diluvio para destruir a todos los mortales. Cada vez que aparezca el arco iris entre las nubes, yo lo veré y me acordaré del pacto que establecí para siempre con todos los seres vivientes que hay sobre la tierra». Dios concluyó diciéndole a Noé: «Este es el pacto que establezco con todos los seres vivientes que hay en la tierra».

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

Demos gracias a Dios.

Psalmody – Psalm 25:1-10

Chanted responsively by cantor and assembly



To | you, O Lord, I lift | up my soul.

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

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

Show me your | ways, O Lord, and teach | me your paths.



Lead me in your | truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compas- | sion and love, for they are from | everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness, O Lord.

You are gracious and up- | right, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners | in your way.



You lead the low- | ly in justice and teach the low- | ly your way.

All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast | love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.

Second Reading - 1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God, Word of Life.

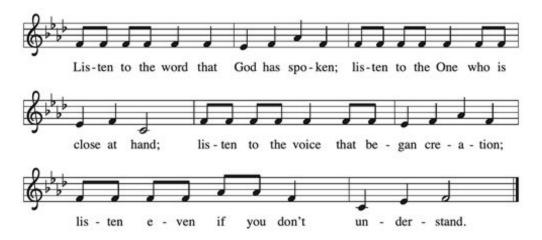
Thanks be to God.

Porque Cristo murió por los pecados una vez por todas, el justo por los injustos, a fin de llevarlos a ustedes a Dios. Él sufrió la muerte en su cuerpo, pero el Espíritu hizo que volviera a la vida. Por medio del Espíritu fue y predicó a los espíritus encarcelados, que en los tiempos antiguos, en los días de Noé, desobedecieron, cuando Dios esperaba con paciencia mientras se construía el arca. En ella solo pocas personas, ocho en total, se salvaron mediante el agua, la cual simboliza el bautismo que ahora los salva también a ustedes. El bautismo no consiste en la limpieza del cuerpo, sino en el compromiso de tener una buena conciencia delante de Dios. Esta salvación es posible por la resurrección de Jesucristo, quien subió al cielo y tomó su lugar a la derecha de Dios, y a quien están sometidos los ángeles, las autoridades y los poderes.

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

Demos gracias a Dios.

Gospel Acclamation



Text: Anonymous, Canada

Music: LISTEN TO THE WORD, Anonymous, Canada; adapt. Church Hymnary, 4th Edition, 2005

Gospel Reading - Mark 1:9-15, adapted

The holy gospel according to Mark, the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And 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. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. Jesus was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and 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.

En esos días llegó Jesús desde Nazaret de Galilea y fue bautizado por Juan en el Jordán. En seguida, al subir del agua, Jesús vio que el cielo se abría y que el Espíritu bajaba sobre él como una paloma. También se oyó una voz del cielo que decía: «Tú eres mi Hijo amado; estoy muy complacido contigo».

En seguida el Espíritu lo impulsó a ir al desierto, y allí fue tentado por Satanás durante cuarenta días. Estaba entre las fieras, y los ángeles le servían.

Después de que encarcelaron a Juan, Jesús se fue a Galilea a anunciar las buenas nuevas de Dios. «Se ha cumplido el tiempo —decía—. El reino de Dios está cerca. ¡Arrepiéntanse y crean las buenas nuevas!»

El Evangelio del Señor.

Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!

Homily - Pastor Jen Nagel

Hymn of the Day - Bless Now, O God, the Journey

1. Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make, the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take.

The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round, then leads beside still waters,

the road where faith is found.

- 2. Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way; your hope burns through the terrors, your love sustains the day.

 We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound; together we are seeking the road where faith is found.
- 3. Divine eternal lover, you meet us on the road. We wait for land of promise where milk and honey flow, but waiting not for places, you meet us all around. Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found.

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Statement of Faith - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

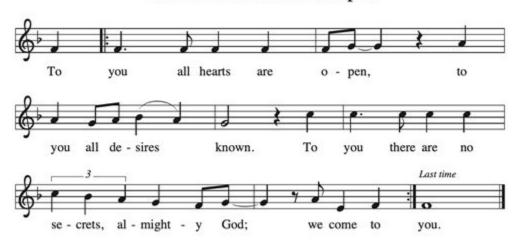
- a time to be born, and a time to die;
- a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
- a time to kill, and a time to heal;
- a time to break down, and a time to build up;
- a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
- a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
- a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
- a time to seek, and a time to lose;
- a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
- a time to tear, and a time to sew;
- a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

Prayers of the People

Sung response:





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Music: ALL HEARTS ARE OPEN, John Tirro
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Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.

And also with you.

Y también contigo.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ in whatever way is comfortable, using these or similar words "Peace be with you" or "La paz del Señor"

meal

Offering

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

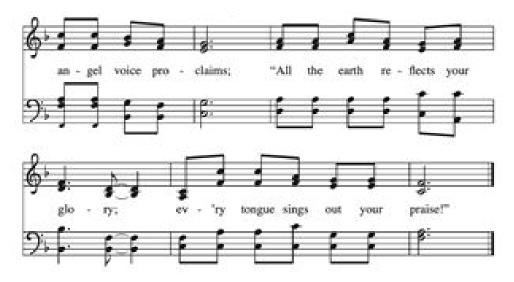
We lift them to our God.

Let us give thanks to our gracious God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right...join their unending hymn:





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Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Creator, Our Mother, 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.

Creador nuestro, Madre nuestra, Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntaden la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder y tuya es la gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén

Holy Communion

We believe that Jesus Christ is present in Holy Communion with gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. All who hunger for the presence of Christ in their life are invited to partake. By our participation in this meal, we are strengthened in faith and in life. All are welcome to commune.

If you are sitting with others, when sharing the bread with someone, say to them: "This is the body of Christ, given for you." When sharing the wine or grape juice, say, "This is the blood of Christ, shed for you." If you aren't with others, today, hear the voice of the pastor naming these promises of grace and life for you. If you'd prefer a blessing, hear these promises: "You are a beloved child of God. May God strengthen you with grace through Christ for all we face today."

Music During Communion



In This Feast of Love

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Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people

into one body for the sake of the world.

Send us in the power of your Spirit,
that our lives bear witness to the healing love that has made us new
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

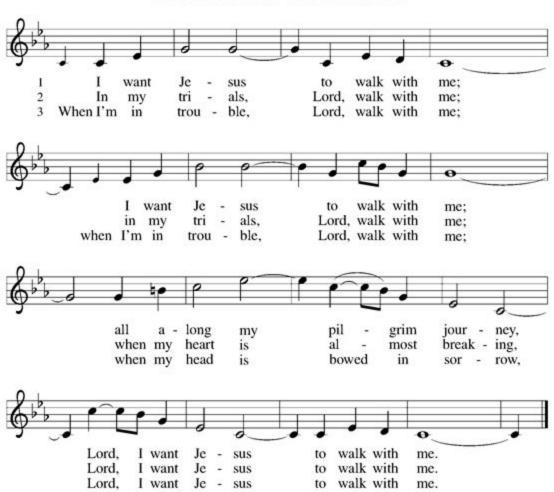
Amen.

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Announcements

Closing Hymn

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me



Text: African American spiritual

Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

Blessing

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus to heal and to be healed, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you # that you may be a blessing, in the name of the reconciling One.

Amen.

Dismissal

Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth in peace to love and serve.

Thanks be to God.

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