

First Sunday in Lent  
March 9, 2025  
10:30 AM



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**University Lutheran Church of Hope** is a welcoming, Christian community of faith centered on God's grace and called to demonstrate God's love for the world. University Lutheran Church of Hope is a Reconciling in Christ congregation with a commitment to racial equity.

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**Welcome. Peace be with you.**

**We continue our holy experiment.** We're worshipping together in-person, and also offering a virtual option on Zoom and YouTube. Welcome to all!

**For those worshipping in-person, please remember:**

- ❖ **To support the health and wellness of all those among us**, feel welcome to use masks and hand sanitizer, stay current with your vaccinations, and stay home as needed if you are unwell.
- ❖ **We honor one another's boundaries** by asking permission to be in close proximity, and finding alternate ways to greet one another and share the peace (a deep bow, the peace sign, an air hug, etc.). Our risk levels and comfort differ.
- ❖ **In our service today, we will share Holy Communion.** Ushers will direct you.
- ❖ **If you are new to the community** and wish to speak with a Pastor or be included in our communication and activities, fill out the blue slip in the pew rack and give it to an usher. We'll follow up. It's also just fine to be anonymous. To get more involved, check out our website: <http://www.ulch.org/> To receive the weekly enews, the Thursday Epistle, contact our church administrator at [ulch@ulch.org](mailto:ulch@ulch.org).
- ❖ **Children are welcome in worship.** Kids, grab your SPARK Story Bibles. Craft tables are available for families. Note: The nursery is not staffed, but is available for your use. The nursery is on the upper level of the education wing, most easily reached from the doors nearest the baptismal font.
- ❖ **After worship, enjoy the time to linger for conversation** in the lounge, courtyard and patio.

## GATHERING

+ Indicates the assembly stand as able.

Assembly parts are marked in **bold**.

**ELW** refers to the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

**ACS** refers to *All Creation Sings*, an ELW supplement.

### **Prelude**

Reflection on Kingsfold

Maureen Howell (2024)

*This piece is one of the winning compositions for the American Guild of Organists' 2025 Woman Composer Sunday composition contest. Today, March 9 especially, musicians throughout the country and world are encouraged to play music by women composers in services and programs.*

## Welcome

### + Litany of Confession

**We remember** the generous gifts of creation and God's promise of enough.

**We remember** acres sold and treaties breaking, settlers unsettling and systems taking.

**We remember** the isolation of immigration, homesteads far from new neighbors and old country.

**We remember** Dakota people already and not yet, and resilient voices in this generation.

**We remember** farmers who labor to feed the world, who know wind and weather in their bones.

**We confess we forget that we belong to each other and to this land.**

*(silence for reflection and time to remember)*

Beloved of Christ,

Know yourself forgiven and connected to the gifts of creation and to each other, all relations of the God who re-members.

**Re-member us, O God. Amen.**

*(adapted from Meta Herrick Carlson's We Remember: A Litany for the Land)*

### + Gathering Hymn

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

ELW 611

### + Greeting

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

**And also with you.**

### + Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **God of love, we are in the wilderness. Guide us with the promise of Christ, so that we may walk through the wilderness of this world in harmony with all living things toward the life you alone can give. Amen.**

+ **Kyrie**

ACS communion setting 12 by Anne Krentz Organ

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.  
Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.  
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

## WORD

### Children's Message

#### Reading - Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave

Quando hayas entrado en la tierra que el SEÑOR tu Dios te da como herencia, tomes posesión de ella y te establezcas allí, tomarás de las primicias de todo lo que produzca la tierra que el SEÑOR tu Dios te da y las pondrás en una canasta. Luego irás al lugar que el SEÑOR tu Dios haya elegido como residencia de su Nombre y dirás al sacerdote que esté oficiando: «Hoy declaro, ante el SEÑOR tu Dios, que he entrado en la tierra que él nos dio, tal como se lo juró a nuestros antepasados». El sacerdote tomará de tus manos la canasta y la pondrá frente al altar del SEÑOR tu Dios. Entonces tú declararás ante el SEÑOR tu Dios: «Mi padre fue un arameo errante y descendió a Egipto con poca gente. Vivió allí hasta llegar a ser una gran nación, fuerte y numerosa. Pero los egipcios nos maltrataron, nos hicieron sufrir y nos sometieron a trabajos forzados. Nosotros clamamos al SEÑOR, el Dios de nuestros antepasados, y él escuchó nuestro ruego y vio nuestra miseria, nuestro trabajo y nuestra opresión. Por eso el SEÑOR nos sacó de Egipto con actos portentosos y gran despliegue de poder, con señales, prodigios y milagros que provocaron gran terror. Nos trajo a este lugar y nos dio esta tierra, donde abundan la leche y la miel. Por eso ahora traigo las primicias de la tierra que tú, SEÑOR, me has

us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

«Acto seguido, pondrás la canasta delante del SEÑOR tu Dios y te postrarás ante él. Y los levitas y los extranjeros celebrarán contigo todo lo bueno que el SEÑOR tu Dios te ha dado a ti y a tu familia.

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

**Demos gracias a Dios.**

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**+ Gospel Acclamation**

ACS communion setting 12 by Anne Krentz Organ



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.



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## + Gospel Reading - Luke 4:1-13

The holy gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon** - Maria Anderson-Lippert

Jesús, lleno del Espíritu Santo, volvió del Jordán y fue llevado por el Espíritu al desierto. Allí estuvo cuarenta días y fue tentado por el diablo. No comió nada durante esos días, pasados los cuales tuvo hambre. —Si eres el Hijo de Dios —propuso el diablo—, ordénale a esta piedra que se convierta en pan. Jesús respondió:—Escrito está: "No solo de pan vive el hombre". Entonces el diablo lo llevó a un lugar alto y le mostró en un instante todos los reinos del mundo. —Sobre estos reinos y todo su esplendor —le dijo—, te daré la autoridad, porque a mí me ha sido entregada y puedo dársela a quien yo quiera. Así que, si me adoras, todo será tuyo. Jesús contestó: —Escrito está: "Adora al Señor tu Dios y sírvele solamente a él". Luego el diablo lo llevó a Jerusalén e hizo que se pusiera de pie sobre la parte más alta del Templo y le dijo: —Si eres el Hijo de Dios, tírate abajo desde aquí. Pues escrito está: »"Ordenará que sus ángeles te protejan con sumo cuidado. En sus manos te sostendrán para que no tropieces con piedra alguna". —Está dicho: "No pongas a prueba al Señor tu Dios" —respondió Jesús.

<sup>13</sup> Así que el diablo, habiendo agotado todo recurso de tentación, lo dejó hasta otra oportunidad.

El Evangelio del Señor.

**Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!**

## Hymn of the Day

Above the Moon Earth Rises Text by Thomas Troeger (2002)

*Unison*

1 A - bove the moon earth ris - es, a sun - lit moss - y stone,  
2 The moss - y stone is griev - ing, its tears are bit - ter rain,  
3 O lis - ten to the sigh - ing of wa - ter, sky and land,  
4 A death if hearts now hard - en, a birth if we re - pent

a gar - den that God priz - es where life has rich - ly grown,  
the gar - den is un - leaf - ing and all its har - vests wane,  
and hear the Spir - it cry - ing the fu - ture is at hand:  
and tend and keep the gar - den as God has al - ways meant:

an em - er - ald se - lect - ed for us to guard with care,  
the em - er - ald is cloud - ed, its lus - ter dims and fades,  
the moss and gar - den thin - ning por - tend a death or birth,  
to sow with - out a - bus - ing the soil where life is grown,

an isle in space pro - tect - ed by one thin reef of air.  
the isle of life is shroud - ed in thick and stag - nant haze.  
the end or new be - gin - ning for all that lives on earth.  
to reap with - out our bruis - ing this sun - lit moss - y stone.

Presbyterian pastor and Episcopal priest, Thomas Troeger has written widely on preaching, worship and music. He has served as president of the American Academy of Homiletics and the International Societas Homiletica, and now teaches at Yale Divinity School.

WORDS: Thomas H. Troeger (1945- )  
MUSIC: Irish folk melody; harm. Russell Schulz-Widmar (1944- )

WORDS: SALLEY GARDENS  
7.6.7.6.D.  
(alternate tune: ELLACOMBE)

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## + Prayers of the People

Please note that additional congregational prayers can be found in the weekly e-news called the Thursday Epistle.

Following each petition: God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## + 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 using these or similar words "Peace be with you" or "La paz del Señor."*

## MEAL

### Offertory

Out of the Depths (1996) arr. John Ferguson (1941-2025)

*This text and musical arrangement are based on ELW 600, by Martin Luther (1483-1546).*

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### + Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Gracious Provider, **you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others and all creation. Amen.**

### + 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....we join their unending hymn:

+ **Sanctus**

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

+ **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 voluntad en 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 and blessing, we are strengthened in faith and in life. All are welcome to commune.*

### ***If you are at home and 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 are at home on your own...***

*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."*

### ***If you are worshipping in-person today...***

*We invite you to come forward to receive the elements and hear the words of promise, or to receive a blessing. Following the direction of the ushers, come forward: pick up a cup, gather around the table, receive the bread (gluten free is available), the servers will pour into your cup either the red wine or white grape juice, place used cups in the basket. A blessing is always an option. Children of all ages are welcome to partake in the bread and juice at Holy Communion.*

### ***If you seek healing prayers today...***

*A healing minister is available during Holy Communion this morning. If you'd like prayers for healing for yourself, for those you love, or for other situations, you are invited to come to one of the healing ministers. You can ask for specific prayers, or simply ask them to pray with you...and they will. During this time, you may also dip into the baptismal waters and remember the promises, and light candles for situations around the world and close to home.*

**Music During Communion** As the Sun with Longer Journey

ELW 329

As Rain from the Clouds

ELW 508

## When We Are Tested

ACS 922



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,  
 2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,  
 3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,  
 4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,  
 plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,  
 trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,  
 sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,  
 lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,  
 teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,  
 Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.  
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.  
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do.  
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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### Table Blessing

May these abundant gifts of Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

### Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Generous Host, you have shared the fruits of creation with us in a feast that makes us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities and with the land, that your liberating love might nourish all, in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

# SENDING

## + **Announcements**

+ **Sending Hymn**          Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church          ELW 321

## + **Blessing**

God our creator, God the in the flesh, God the reconciling Spirit, ☩ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## + **Dismissal**

Go with Christ, rooted in love.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**                                  Impromptu on Kingsfold          arr. Brenda Portman (2022)

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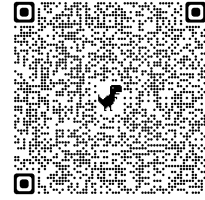
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**Today’s Worship Leaders**

Pastor Susan Debner, Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert (presiding ministers); Bill Sanden (assisting minister); The Hope Choir and Paul Stever (musicians); Eric Ringham (lector); Jan Sanden, John Beane, Jason Lukis, Wayne Lee (communion servers); John Pignatello, Seth Strudthoff (tech facilitators); Muffi Abrahamson (Zoom facilitator); Tim Abrahamson (greeter); Scott Hvizdos, Bimose Rowan, Jim Rowan (ushers); Anja Lukis, Junia Lukis (acolytes); Carol Flaten (altar guild); Sara Tuffveson Doure, Ann Rolle (healing prayer); Julie Paschke, Robert Paschke (communion clean-up)

**Land Acknowledgment**

*This Land Acknowledgment, and our response, are both a work in progress. We’re actively engaged in a process to move beyond a simple acknowledgment, and toward a more active commitment. Watch for more opportunities for our community.*

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