

First Sunday in Lent  
*All In for Creation*  
February 22, 2026  
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 worshiping together in-person and virtually on YouTube. Welcome to all!

**For those worshiping 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 at the front of the sanctuary. 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.

### 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.

# 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**

Elegy

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912)

## Welcome and Invocation

We gather in the name of God, who created us, who was born to be with us, who guides us still. **Amen.**

## +Confession and Forgiveness

God knows our hearts, the guilt we carry, the heartache that keeps us awake, the burdens we bear.

God knows that “happy are they who are forgiven,” and so we confess in confidence of God’s forgiveness.

*A moment of silence for reflection.*

Good and gracious God,

**We have sinned and fallen short of the good you desire for us and for all creation.**

**We have seen the earth as resources to extract and forgotten to marvel at its beauty.**

**We have doubted your ability to provide and hoarded more than we need.**

**We have ignored the needs of the vulnerable, and when you called us to follow you to greater wonders, we remained where we were and clung to control.**

**Forgive us our sin and our selfishness.**

**Draw us out of ourselves, more deeply into your love, and more fully into a world in need.**

God knows our sin before we do and meets every confession with abundant grace. In Christ we are alive and forgiven. God’s goodness has the final word. May this gift renew our faith and lighten our load so that we are prepared to care for the world God so loves. **Amen.**

**+ Opening Hymn**

O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

ELW 319

**+ 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**

Creator, you made a magnificent cosmos and crafted us human beings as part of it. Draw us into a fuller relationship with the water, air, creatures, and plants you made as our kindred. Where we have done harm, empower us to repair, that we live in harmony with one another, all creation, and you. **Amen.**

from *Barn Geese Worship, “All In” Lenten resources*

# WORD

## Children's Message

### Reading - Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Word of God, word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**+ Gospel Acclamation**

Jesus, Remember Me

ELW 616

**+ Gospel Reading - Matthew 4:1-11**

The gospel according to Matthew the fourth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by

Dios el SEÑOR tomó al hombre y lo puso en el jardín del Edén para que lo cultivara y lo cuidara. Dios el SEÑOR le ordenó al hombre: «Puedes comer de todos los árboles del jardín, pero del árbol del conocimiento del bien y del mal no deberás comer. El día que de él comas, sin duda morirás». La serpiente era más astuta que todos los animales del campo que Dios el SEÑOR había hecho, así que preguntó a la mujer:—¿Conque Dios les dijo que no comieran de ningún árbol del jardín? —Podemos comer del fruto de todos los árboles —respondió la mujer—. Pero en cuanto al fruto del árbol que está en medio del jardín, Dios nos ha dicho: "No coman de ese árbol ni lo toquen; de lo contrario, morirán". Pero la serpiente dijo a la mujer:—¡No es cierto, no van a morir! Dios sabe muy bien que cuando coman de ese árbol se les abrirán los ojos y llegarán a ser como Dios, conocedores del bien y del mal. La mujer vio que el fruto del árbol era bueno para comer, y que era atractivo a la vista y era deseable para adquirir sabiduría; así que tomó de su fruto y comió. Luego dio a su esposo, que estaba con ella, y él también comió. En ese momento los ojos de ambos fueron abiertos y tomaron conciencia de su desnudez. Por eso, para cubrirse entretejieron hojas de higuera.

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

**Demos gracias a Dios.**

Luego el Espíritu llevó a Jesús al desierto para ser tentado por el diablo. Después de ayunar cuarenta días y cuarenta noches, tuvo hambre. El tentador se acercó y le propuso:—Si eres el Hijo de Dios, ordena a estas piedras que se conviertan en pan. Jesús respondió:—Escrito está: "No solo de pan vive el hombre, sino de toda palabra que

bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon - “All In for Creation”**

Rev. Amanda Simons

**+ Hymn of the Day**

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

ELW 771

**+ Immigrants’ Creed**

**I believe in Almighty God, who guided the people in exile and in exodus, the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon, the God of foreigners and immigrants.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean, who was born away from his people and his home, who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger, and returning to his own country suffered the oppression of the tyrant Pontius Pilate, the servant of a foreign power, who then was persecuted, beaten, and finally tortured, accused and condemned to death unjustly. But on the third day, this scorned Jesus rose from the dead, not as a foreigner but to offer us citizenship in heaven.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal immigrant from God’s kingdom among us, who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races.**

**I believe that the church is the secure home for the foreigner and for all believers who constitute it, who speak the same language and have the same purpose. I believe that the communion of the saints begins when we accept the diversity of the saints.**

**I believe in the forgiveness of sin, which makes us all equal, and in reconciliation, which identifies us**

sale de la boca de Dios”. Luego el diablo lo llevó a la ciudad santa 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. Pues escrito está:»“Ordenará que sus ángeles te protejan y ellos te sostendrán en sus manos para que no tropieces con piedra alguna”».—También está escrito: “No pongas a prueba al Señor tu Dios” —contestó Jesús. De nuevo el diablo lo llevó a una montaña muy alta. Allí le mostró todos los reinos del mundo y su esplendor. Y le dijo:—Todo esto te daré si te postras y me adoras. —¡Vete, Satanás! —dijo Jesús—. Porque escrito está: “Adora al Señor tu Dios y sírvele solamente a él”.<sup>11</sup> Entonces el diablo lo dejó y ángeles acudieron a servirle.

El Evangelio del Señor.

**Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!**

more than does race, language, or nationality.

I believe that in the resurrection God will unite us as one people in which all are distinct and all are alike at the same time. Beyond this world, I believe in life eternal in which no one will be an immigrant but all will be citizens of God's kingdom, which will never end. Amen.

*"The Immigrants' Creed" is excerpted from The Book of Common Worship: 2018 Edition.*

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## Prayers of the People

*Following each petition: Merciful God, receive 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

Andante Festivo

by Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)

*Rachel Boyer, Alden Tetlie, Holly Waalen, Rebecca Tetlie-String quartet*

*Thank you for your continued generosity! Donations may be sent electronically or by mail, or placed in the offering plate in the center of our space as you come forward for Holy Communion. A QR code is available on the last page of the bulletin.*

### + Offertory Prayer

God who provides, we return to you a portion of all that you have given us. Bless and use these gifts, our hands, our hearts, our ministry, to care for the world you so love. Now prepare us to receive you at this table and again in the world beyond our doors. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

### +The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord 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...join their unending hymn:

### + Sanctus

ACS communion setting 12 by Anne Krentz Organ

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

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

**from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**y librános 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 worshiping 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. Children of all ages are welcome to partake 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**

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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Touch the Earth Lightly

ELW 739

### + Table Blessing

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

### + Prayer after Communion

God, you have revealed yourself to us again in the holy mystery of bread and cup. Strengthen us by your presence, draw us closer to one another as the Body of Christ, and send us to reveal you in all our words and ways. **Amen.**

## Announcements

### SENDING

#### + Sending Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

ELW 879

#### +Blessing

As you have met God in this place, go now to meet God beyond this place. As you have received the love of Jesus, go now to give the love of Jesus. As the Creator has been all in for you, go now and be all in for the sake of the world.

#### +Dismissal

Gracious God bless you as you go. **Amen.**

#### Postlude

Sometimes Our Only Song Is Weeping

arr. Brenda Portman (2022)

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## Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor Amanda Simons, Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert (presiding ministers); James Flaten (assisting minister); Hope Choir, Paul Stever (musicians); Karilyn Alexander, Jack Dant, Tim Hopkins, Shelly Parry (communion servers); Maty Lewis-Hunstiger (lector); Matthew Fry (worship tech facilitator); Sara Tufvesson Doure (greeter); Tom, Jane, Magda, and Freddie VanHeuvelen (ushers); Jacob Lanthier, Viva Whitney (acolytes); Carol Flaten (worship prep); Paul Demeules, Shelly Parry (communion clean-up); Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert, Donna Neste (healing prayer)

## Holden Evening Prayer (Lenten Midweek Worship)

**Wednesdays** Feb 25, March 4, 11, 18, and 22 at **6:30pm** (Chapel/In person only). Anointing prayer and time for reflection available after the service.

## **All In Lenten Devotional**

You are welcome to take home a print copy of the All In Lenten Devotional for these forty days of Lent to include in your prayer life. This devotional is also available online at [ulch.org](http://ulch.org) and via the weekly Thursday Epistle.

## **Holy Week Worship**

We will worship at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary for Maundy Thursday (4/2), Good Friday (4/3), and Easter Vigil (4/4).

### **Saturday, February 28th, 11:30am Holden Village Community Potluck**

For many decades, ULCH has maintained strong ties to Holden Village-a remote Lutheran retreat located in the north Cascades. Many of you have visited Holden as guests, faculty members, or part of the staff.

In late December, a week of torrential rainstorms caused catastrophic mudslides, blocked the steep access road in several places, and completely destroyed it in other spots, making it impossible to reach the Village. This event has caused significant disruptions to current and future activities at Holden.

On Saturday, February 28, Hope will host a potluck meal and information session for friends of Holden Village living in the Twin Cities. You are all invited to participate in this event. Bring a dish to share and join with other members of the Holden community to learn more about what happened in December, get an update on the current state of affairs, and hear about ways you can help.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by clicking this link: <https://forms.gle/gwqSP5PrCL2qdrvN7>  
If you have questions or can help with setup or cleanup, please contact:

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