

Bulletin for Worship

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1st Sunday of Lent

Call to Worship

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Come and worship, God has made a covenant with all of the earth; a promise of love and healing for all who dwell on the earth. God draws us near to hear words of peace and to be blessed with hope.

We come to worship and give praise to God for the gift of salvation.

Hymn Glory to God Hymnal #23 “God you Spin the Whirling Plants”

God, you spin the whirling planets,
fill the seas and spread the plain,
mold the mountains, fashion blossoms,
call forth sunshine, wind, and rain.
We, created in your image,
would a true reflection be
of your justice, grace, and mercy
and the truth that makes us free.

You have called us to be faithful
in our life and ministry.
We respond in grateful worship
joined in one community.
When we blur your gracious image,
focus us and make us whole.
Healed and strengthened as your people,
we move onward toward your goal.

God, your word is still creating,
calling us to life made new.
Now reveal to us fresh vistas
where there's work to dare and do.
Keep us clear of all distortion.
Polish us with loving care.
Thus, new creatures in your image,
we'll proclaim Christ everywhere.

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Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

God of the rainbow, You made a covenant with all creatures, promising life and hope. You have made a sign for us that You will never work against us. Yet we still fear and seek our own way. Still our fears and remind us that You are our source for peace.

Show us how we should walk. Lead us on the path to renewal and healing. We forget our connection with one another and think that we are the center of the universe. Show us again Your paths of truth. Forgive us and lead us back into the arms of Your love. Amen.

Take a few moments for your own silent confession

Assurance of Hope and Forgiveness

God is merciful and full of steadfast love. God will not forget us. God will wash us clean and lead us on paths of steadfast love and faithfulness. Believe the good news. Through the grace of God and love of Jesus Christ you have been forgiven.

Thanks be to God, we are free from our sin. Amen.

Glory to God Hymnal Kyrie

Lord, Have mercy. Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

Scripture Readings: Genesis 9:8-17

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹As 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.'

Violin Solo: "Lamb of God" by Twila Paris, played by Jaeda R.

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Mark 1:9-15

⁹ In 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.'

¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴ Now 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.'

Message: "A Promise of Steadfast Love"

Prayer

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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.

Sending Song Glory to God Hymnal #614 "Great Are You Lord"

Great are You Lord

You are holy and just

By Your power we trust in Your love

Great are You Lord

You are faithful and true

By Your mercy You prove You are love

Great are You Lord

And worthy of glory

Great are You Lord

And worthy of praise

Great are You Lord

We lift up our voice

We lift up our voice

Great are You Lord

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Benediction