

Third Sunday in Lent March 3, 2024

Preparing for Worship: The Lenten Season reminds us that again and again, suffering and brokenness find us, we mess up again and again. AND, again and again, God finds us, and shows up, and shows us a way back to wholeness. Again and Again, God invites us to make God's Dream our way of life.

Gathering Music Melody from Orfeo ed Euridice C.W. von Gluck, trans. A. Siloti

We Approach God

Words of Welcome

Acknowledgment of the Land

Centering

In the name of God, grace and peace be with you.

And also with you.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Calling to Worship

Again and again,

We gather onsite and online to worship God together in community.

Again and again

we listen for God's Word;

we seek God's guidance

for living a good and faithful life for the sake of God's Dream for the world.

Again and again,

God is faithful, God sees us, hears us,

and again and again, in Word, and in Jesus Christ,

God shows us the way.

Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn Be Thou My Vision

v.1-3 **VU 642**

Prayer for Gathering/Reflection

We Listen for God's Word

Exploring the Scripture Together Exodus 20:1-17

Sermon God's Ground Rules, a Way of Life Rev. Dr. Elisabeth Jones & CPU's children

Sung Response What Does the Lord Require of You? VU 701

We Gather at the Table

Offering Our Time, Talent and Treasure, Bread and Cup

Prayer of Dedication

HOLY ONE, in all that we do, and all that we share, we are trying to live your Dream for us and for Creation,

so that here on earth,

peace, justice, love, and compassion may become the valued currency of your Kindom.

By your grace, make holy

the intentions and commitments we make today,

we pray, as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us lift up our hearts to God.

We lift our hearts in prayer and praise.

Communion Prayer

The Lord's Prayer VU 921

Sharing the Bread of Life and the Cup of Blessing

Communion Anthem The Table Of Peace D. Hannibal & B. Furman, arr. S. Nordmeyer

Prayer after Communion

We Prepare to Serve God in the World

Life and Work of the Community

Sending Hymn/Song Go, Make a Diff'rence MV 209

Sending Out with Blessing

Let us now go with the blessing of God, Creator of all, to guide us through the living of these

days, be they anxious or glorious.

Let us go with the companionship of Jesus Christ who walks beside us, step by step from birth to death.

Let us go with the courage and strength

of the Holy Spirit to fill our lives with hope and trust

in God's Covenant with all creation.

Let us go and make a difference! Amen!

Traditional American spiritual, piano arr. Mark Hayes

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