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Sunday Service of Worship February 18, 2024 – The First Sunday in Lent 10:30 a.m.

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gathering in this sacred place, We anticipate new wonders each week.

Wherever two or three are gathered to worship,

A spirit of holiness is present.

Open our eyes to witness the love and joy waiting to be revealed In this day and in this place.

We will want to linger here, but when we leave today, May our hearts be open to all the wonders of God's world.

HYMN # 81 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days ST. FLAVIAN

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, and close by Thee to stay.

As Thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win, O give us strength in Thee to fight, in Thee to conquer sin.

And through these days of penitence, and through Thy Passiontide Yea, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

> Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past, An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on us, O God, for we forget the covenant into which You call us. We muddle along in our self-serving ways rather than waiting on Your word. We follow the path of least resistance without seeking Your higher way. We forget our baptism into a faith community built on trust and forgiveness. We turn from the vision of Heaven to the treacherous hell of competing egos. O God, we ask You to lead us to a new day. According to Your steadfast love, forgive us, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen, Amen.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Elder Betty Chatfield

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response: Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew. That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

DOXOLOGY Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

With these gifts, we proclaim not ourselves, but Jesus. We commit ourselves to follow a way that leads to love and life. May our sacrifice be witness to our love for each other and the God who loves us all. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Genesis 9:8-17 Mark 1:9-15

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

"God's Promise"

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN

Ours the Journey

NEW DIMENSIONS

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways, Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?

REFRAIN: God of Rainbow, Fiery Pillar, leading where the eagles soar. We, Your people, ours the journey, now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.

Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair, Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? REFRAIN

As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes, Grant that we, Your global village, might envision wider dreams. REFRAIN

We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young, Each a gift in Your Creation, each a love song to be sung. REFRAIN

Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain, May Your blazing phoenix Spirit resurrect the church again. REFRAIN

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: #85

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul.
What wondrous love is this, O my soul.
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul, To bear the heavy cross for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am, While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing. While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be. And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And through eternity I'll sing on.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Tickets

Tickets for our March 9th St. Patrick's Day Dinner are going fast! Please see Priscilla Jahier during coffee hour to purchase your tickets. They're a real bargain at \$30 each!

Session Meeting

Session meets this Tuesday, February 20 at 7:15 p.m. via Zoom.

Food Pantry

Do you know of people who might be hungry this season? Remember that we have a free food pantry in front of the church that is available 24/7. Please help us spread the word.

This week, we are in need of peanut butter (a brand name like Skippy, if possible), Chef Boy R-Dee Ravioli, and canned corned beef hash. Thank you.

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