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Welcome and Announcements

Centering Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy God, we confess that we are caught in the snares of sin and cannot break free on our own. Throughout human history ungodly things have been done in your name by people who claim to follow Jesus. We keep score in our hearts. We turn hurts into hatred. We forget to turn to you in prayer. For all these things and for the sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life everlasting. Through + Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

Opening Hymn

As Winter Days Grow Longer ACS 924

As the winter days grow longer, drawing short the hours of night; as our eager expectations waits for Easter's dawning light. Yearning people, here we gather, turning watchful eyes to you, God who blesses earth with springtime shine within

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As we journey through this season, pilgrims through a thirsty land, quench us with your living presence; guide us with your loving hand.
Wand'ring people here we gather called to rest along our way. God who blesses earth with springtime grant us sabbath joy this day.*

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Give us wisdom to draw closer to you in prayer, O God. Help us to ask hard questions of our faith. Help us to be open to new understandings. Make us impatient with superficial faith and the everyday hypocrisies we have grown used to. Help us to settle for nothing less than wholehearted devotion so that we may walk by faith and not just talk about it. Join us on the journey, Holy One, as we learn to pray again to you in Jesus' name. Amen.

Children's Message

Centering Song:

https://youtu.be/9eUDxDCYE6Y?si=oY_zBoZKClA5LFM

Welcome the Word

The glory of these forty days, we celebrate with songs of praise; Through Christ, the Word, all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed. Then grant O God, that we may too, return in fast and prayer to you; Our spirits strengthen with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Matt 26:31-35, 69-75

Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' [c] But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee." Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will." "Truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same. Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. "You also were with Jesus of Galilee," she said. But he denied it before them all. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said. Then he went out to the gateway, where

another servant girl saw him and said to the people there, "This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth." He denied it again, with an oath: "I don't know the man!" After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, "Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away." Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, "I don't know the man!" Immediately a rooster crowed. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day _____ Blessed Be the Tie That Binds LBW 370

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The unity of heart and mind is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one our comforts and our cares. We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear, and often for each other flows, the sympathizing tear. From sorrows, toil and pain, and sin we shall be free, and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

Apostles' Creed

Peace

Offering

Doxology

Offering Prayer

Jesus, we draw close to you in prayer. You are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.

Words of Consecration

"Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'"

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right and good to give you thanks and praise, O God, because from the beginning, you invited us on a journey with you, a journey of wonders and

miracles, a journey of healing and joy, a journey of mystery and prayer, a journey full of life and love. And so in thanks and praise we join our voices in the song of the angels and saints, who forever sing to you, as we say these words:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is your son, O God, our Savior Jesus Christ, who joined us on our journey, who was so full of grace and truth that we cannot help but follow him. When his path went back to you, you sent us your Spirit to continue alongside us, to empower and inspire us to continue to be your people. To remind us that on the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, broke it, gave thanks and gave it to his disciples saying “take and eat this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” Again after supper Jesus took the cup and gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying “this cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.” Now we pray that the same Spirit will be among us, and among these elements of bread and wine, that our ordinary meal will become our sacred feast, to nourish us for the next part of the journey. As we break bread together, as we drink from the same cup, unite us as people who are grateful for the journey, for each other’s company, and for your guiding presence. Hear us as we are bold to say together the prayer that Jesus taught us

The Lord’s Prayer

Holy Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

Giver of every gift, you are our daily bread. At this table you have fed and nourished us with your grace. Strengthen us to be your prayerful people for a weary yet hopeful world. Amen.

Blessing

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✚ bless you and remain with you always. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Great is Thy Faithfulness LBW 733

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;

As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see: All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see: All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me! Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow— Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see: All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember to pray. God hears you.

Thanks be to God!