

The First Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2020

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion



SIGNS OF LIFE why church matters

LIGHT



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Services: Sunday - 8 and 10 AM • Wednesday - 10 AM • Saturday - 5 PM

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

If you are new to our congregation: Please let us know by getting a name tag at the Welcome Center outside and completing a newcomer card, found either at the Welcome Center or in the pew rack in front of you.

Childcare is available: During the service, infants to age 5 are welcome in the Nursery, located on the first floor of the education wing, accessed through the double doors by the elevator.

Restrooms: Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

If you read music: if there is a number next to the title of the hymn, the music will be in our blue Hymnal, which is in the pew rack. Hymn numbers with an "S" in front are in the front section of the Hymnal, all others are sequential in the main section.

We have gluten-free wafers available: Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

Getting to know each other: Following the service we welcome **everyone** for coffee and refreshments in Kirk Hall, which is up the ramp archway across from the doors of the sanctuary, and to the right.

A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

In God, My Faithful God

J. Brahms

[During the Prelude, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]

GATHERING HYMN

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

H 632

[Please stand when the chimes sound.]

***O Christ, the Word Incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky;
we praise thee for the radiance that from the scripture's page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.***

***The Church from our dear Master received the word divine,
and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging sea,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.***

***O make thy Church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold,
to bear before the nations thy true light as of old;
O teach thy wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended, they see thee face to face.***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please be seated.]

ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

P Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

G And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

AI Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud, Fortress, Fountain, Shelter, Light,
Judge, Defender, Mercy, Might, Life whose life all life endowed:
May the church at prayer recall that no single holy name
but the right behind them all is the God whom we proclaim.***

***Word and Wisdom, Root and Vine, Shepherd, Savior, Servant, Lamb,
Well and Water, Bread and Wine, Way who leads us to I AM:
May the church at prayer recall that no single holy name
but the right behind them all is the God whom we proclaim.***

***Storm and Stillness, Breath and Dove, Thunder, Tempest, Whirlwind, Fire,
Comfort, Counselor, Presence, Love, Energies that never tire:
May the church at prayer recall that no single holy name
but the right behind them all is the God whom we proclaim.***

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Let us pray...Christ our True Light: when the lights of this world blind and bewilder and its darkness brings us no peace, train our eyes to behold your brightness and enfold us in the healing shadow of your wings, that we may love you by night as by day; who with the Father of lights and the Spirit of truth shine upon us, one God, through endless ages.

G **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS: Psalm 119: 105-112, Canticle 11, 2 Peter 1:16-21, John 1:1-4, 9-14, 16-18
[*Please be seated.*]

The First Reading

L The First Reading is taken from *Psalm 119*...

Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path. I have sworn and am determined to keep your righteous judgments. I am deeply troubled; preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word. Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, and teach me your judgments. My life is always in my hand, yet I do not forget your law. The wicked have set a trap for me, but I have not strayed from your commandments. Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; truly, they are the joy of my heart. I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes for ever and to the end.

L The Word of the Lord

G **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

[Tune: *Jesus Shall Reign*]

**Arise, now, shine, your light has come, God's glory rises like the sun;
Though darkness still enshrouds the land, Deep gloom remains on every hand.**

**The Lord will rise above his own, His glory rest on you alone;
The nations will stream to your light, And kings come to your dawning bright.**

**Your gates will always be unbarred, Your portals open night and day;
Your name, the City of the Lord, Zion, on whom his love is poured.**

**Here violence will be no more, Within your borders peace is sure;
Your walls will bear Salvation's name, Your gates the name of Praise shall claim.**

**You will not need the sun by day, Nor yet by night the moon's bright ray;
The Lord will be your shining light And God your glory day and night.**

The Second Reading

☐ *The Second Reading is taken from 2 Peter chapter 1...*

We didn't repeat crafty myths when we told you about the powerful coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Quite the contrary, we witnessed his majesty with our own eyes. He received honor and glory from God the Father when a voice came to him from the magnificent glory, saying, "This is my dearly loved Son, with whom I am well-pleased."

We ourselves heard this voice from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain. In addition, we have a most reliable prophetic word, and you would do well to pay attention to it, just as you would to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Most important, you must know that no prophecy of scripture represents the prophet's own understanding of things, because no prophecy ever came by human will. Instead, men and women led by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

ACCLAMATION

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

H. 513 vs 2-3

[*Please stand.*]

**To the members of Christ's Body, to the branches of the Vine,
to the Church in faith assembled, to her midst as gift and sign:
come, Holy Spirit, come.**

**With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare:
come, Holy Spirit, come.**

The Gospel

☐ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

☑ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

☐ In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The Word was with God in the beginning. Everything came into being through the Word,

and without the Word nothing came into being. What came into being through the Word was life, and the life was the light for all people.

The true light that shines on all people was coming into the world. The light was in the world, and the world came into being through the light, but the world didn't recognize the light. The light came to his own people, and his own people didn't welcome him. But those who did welcome him, those who believed in his name, he authorized to become God's children, born not from blood nor from human desire or passion, but born from God. The Word became flesh and made his home among us. We have seen his glory, glory like that of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace; as the Law was given through Moses, so grace and truth came into being through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, has made God known.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Cindy Roehl

[Please be seated.]

SERMON HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

H. 490

[Please stand.]

***I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.***

Refrain

***In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both a like.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.***

***I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.***

Refrain

***I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.***

Refrain

NICENE CREED

[Please stand.]

☞ We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[Please stand, kneel, or sit, as you prefer.]

☞ Remembering that it is no longer we who live but Christ who lives in us, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

℣ We pray for all who call you Lord. Enliven our common life, that together we may worship you joyfully, give our hearts wholly to you in prayer, and gently commend to others the faith that is in us. We pray for all who are in need and who suffer [especially, *read names from notebook*]

☞ Lord Christ, live in us so that we are courageous agents of justice and compassion, and share our resources generously.

℣ We pray for the leaders around the world. Help them to respect all by considering others as equal to themselves, by thinking charitably towards all neighbors near and far, and by seeking to understand and appreciate those who differ from them.

☞ Lord Christ, live in us so that we love and serve others as you love and serve us.

℣ We pray for all who are responsible for the mission and ministry of the church, lay and ordained.

☞ Lord Christ, live in us so that we are humble, patient and act with integrity, using the values and promises of the Reign of God as the foundation of every decision, action or abstention.

- Ⓔ We pray for a sense of awe for all you have created and entrusted to us, including our own bodies, your creation, and the lives of others. We give you thanks for the blessings of this life [*read items from notebook*]. You open your hand and fill the earth with good things.
- Ⓒ **Lord Christ, live in us so that we cherish the gifts you have given us, conserving and healing your creation for the sake of those who come after us.**
- Ⓔ We pray for those whose life on this earth has ended, [*especially, read names from notebook.*] Let light perpetual shine upon them.
- Ⓒ **Lord Christ, live in us so that we follow the good examples of your saints, who teach us to enjoy worldly goods and comforts in moderation, and to be honest in our daily life and work.**
- Ⓔ Let your grace restore us, good Lord, and let your Spirit inspire us.
- Ⓒ **Lord Christ, live in us and accomplish in us the work of your salvation, that we may show forth your glory in the world. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

[*Please stand or kneel, as you choose.*]

- Ⓓ Let us confess our sins to God. [*Silence is kept.*] Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; . . .
- Ⓒ **in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**
- Ⓓ Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
- Ⓒ **Amen.**

PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

[*Those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries or special occasions may receive an individual blessing.*]

[*No Children's Message during Lent*]

THE GREETING OF PEACE

[*Please stand.*]

- Ⓓ The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- Ⓒ **And also with you.** [*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*]

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

- ☐ Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Bring your tithes, gifts and offering with gladness.

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision

R. Shephard

[Please be seated. If this is your first time worshiping with us, please let your offering be only the completed blue guest card, and let this service be our gift to you.]

PRESENTATION

[Please stand when the offering plates are given to the Deacon.]

- ☐ We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

PRESENTATION HYMN

Take My Life, That I May Be

***Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.***

***Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use ev'ry power as thou shalt choose.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: *Eucharistic Prayer A*

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

☐ Lift up your hearts.

☑ **We lift them to the Lord.**

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☑ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

☐ It is Right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

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

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[Please stand or kneel as you prefer.]

- Ⓟ Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.
- Ⓟ He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.
- Ⓟ On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."
- Ⓟ After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is My Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."
- Ⓟ Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- ☪ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.**
- Ⓟ All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
- ☪ **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- Ⓟ And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:
- Ⓐ **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. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

- Ⓟ Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
- ☪ **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
 Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
 Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
 give us your peace, give us your peace.**

- P** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[You may be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go to the altar rail. You may stand or kneel. To receive, hold your hands in front of you, one palm over the other. The priest will place a wafer there. You may either consume it immediately, and then sip from the cup of wine when it comes to you, or, you may wait and dip the wafer into the wine. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]

Our Prayer Team will be in the south narthex (at the back of the church) during Holy Communion to pray with you for healing, guidance, thanksgiving, for a loved one, or anything else on your heart.

COMMUNION MUSIC

[Please remain seated.]

COMMUNION CHANT

The Lord Is My Light

[Please repeat this chant until the musician stops playing the tune.]

The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion, in
 God I trust; in God I trust. The

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

- P** Let us pray...
- G** **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed, that we may proclaim your love to the world and shine with the love of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

[Please stand.]

- P** Our Triune God gives us the signs of life, equipping, empowering, and strengthening us to become disciples of Christ Jesus. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, bless you in your Lenten journey, today and throughout this holy season.
- G** **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

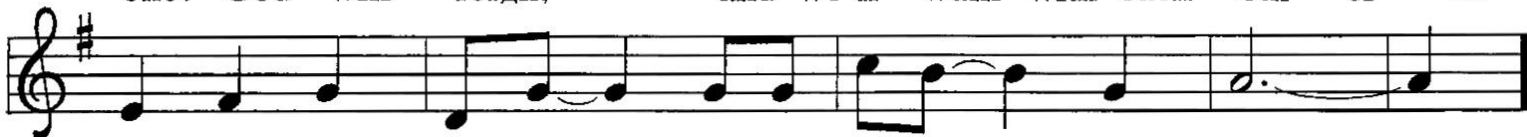
We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
 fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
 one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

THE DISMISSAL

- Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Fugue on the Kyrie

P. DuMage

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	Becky Robbins-Penniman
Deacon	Cindy Roehl
Priest Associate	Ann Chaplin
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Acolyte/Crucifer	Laurie Toohey
Chalicians	Miriam Benitez-Nixon
	Joe Nixon
Lectors	Ron Pylman
	Evelyn Slama
Prayers of the People	Carolynn Hughes
Prayer Team	Maureen Belote
	Carey Cheritvch
Greeters	Steve & Caroline Maisel
Ushers	Carol & Phil Beauchamp
Welcome Center	Nancy Fisher & Susan Fowler
Coffee Hour Hosts	Bob & Lucy Jennings
Buildings & Grounds	Dan Smith