

The First Sunday in Lent

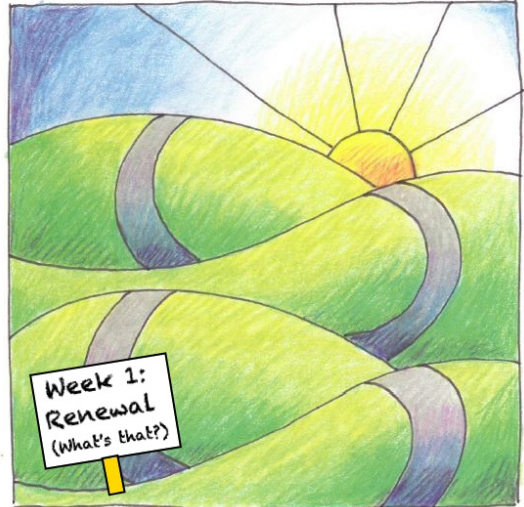
March 10, 2019

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion

Renewal

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY OF RENEWAL



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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.

We have **gluten-free wafers** available: Please make your request known at the altar rail.

Symbols in the Bulletin: **P** Pastor, **D** Deacon, **C** Congregation, **L** Leader, **All** Everyone.

Hymn numbers listed in the bulletin are referencing *The Hymnal 1982*, found in the pew rack.

Following the service we welcome everyone for coffee and refreshments in Kirk Hall, located on the first floor. Turn right after passing through the arch off the passageway between the buildings. The **restrooms** are also there.

A gentle reminder: As a courtesy during the church service, please be sure to turn your **cell phone off** or put it on the vibrate setting.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

In God, My Faithful God

J. Brahms

[Please stand when the chimes sound.]

GATHERING HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

***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.***

Refrain

***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!*** Refrain

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please be seated.]

MISSION MOMENT

ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

- P** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
- C** **His mercy endures for ever.**

GATHERING PRAYER

- P** We pray together for the renewal of our lives as the Holy Spirit works in, with, and among us this Lenten season.
- All** **Blessed are you, God of growth and discovery; yours is the inspiration that has altered and changed our lives; yours is the power that has brought us to new dangers and opportunities. Set us, your new creation, to walk through this new world, watching and learning, loving and trusting, until your kingdom comes. Amen.**

THEME HYMN

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your
pres-ence, and take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me.
Re-store to me the joy of your sal-va-tion, and up-
hold me with your free Spir-it. Cre-ate in me a clean
heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-it with-in me.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- G** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray... Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** **Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS: Lamentations 3:18–26 • Psalm 103:1–8 • 1 Corinthians 12:31, 13:4–8a

• Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

[Please be seated.]

The First Reading

- 📖 *The First Reading is taken from Lamentations, chapter 3...*

I thought: My future is gone, as well as my hope from the Lord. The memory of my suffering and homelessness is bitterness and poison. I can't help but remember and am depressed. I call all this to mind—therefore, I will wait.

Certainly the faithful love of the Lord hasn't ended; certainly God's compassion isn't through! They are renewed every morning. Great is your faithfulness. I think: The Lord is my portion! Therefore, I'll wait for him. The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the person who seeks him. It's good to wait in silence for the Lord's deliverance.

- 📖 The Word of the Lord

🗣️ **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: [*sing to the tune: I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*]

[*Please remain seated.*]

**O bless the Lord, my soul; O bless God's Name indeed;
Let all that is within me know How God has met my need.**

**Lord, you forgive our sins And heal our wickedness;
You crown our life, saved from the grave, With loving faithfulness.**

**You fill us with good things, And you renew our youth;
For all who are oppressed, O Lord, Bring justice forth and truth.**

**To Moses you gave laws, To Israel a path;
Lord, you are merciful and kind And ever slow to wrath.**

The Second Reading:

- 📖 *The Second Reading is taken from 1 Corinthians, chapters 12 and 13...*

Use your ambition to try to get the greater gifts. And I'm going to show you an even better way.

Love is patient, love is kind, it isn't jealous, it doesn't brag, it isn't arrogant, it isn't rude, it doesn't seek its own advantage, it isn't irritable, it doesn't keep a record of complaints, it isn't happy with injustice, but it is happy with the truth. Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

- 📖 The Word of the Lord.

🗣️ **Thanks be to God.**

ACCLAMATION*Open Your Ears**[Please stand.]*

**Open your ears, O faithful people, open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood, God has come to you.**

Refrain: **God has spoken to his people, bless his holy Name!
And his words are words of wisdom, burning like a flame.**

**They who have ears to hear the message, they who have ears, then let them hear.
They who would learn the way of wisdom, let them hear God's word.** Refrain

The Gospel:

Ⓓ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

☒ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Ⓓ [Jesus said,] "Be careful that you don't practice your religion in front of people to draw their attention. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

"Whenever you give to the poor, don't blow your trumpet as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets so that they may get praise from people. I assure you, that's the only reward they'll get. But when you give to the poor, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing so that you may give to the poor in secret. Your Father who sees what you do in secret will reward you.

"When you pray, don't be like hypocrites. They love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners so that people will see them. I assure you, that's the only reward they'll get. But when you pray, go to your room, shut the door, and pray to your Father who is present in that secret place. Your Father who sees what you do in secret will reward you.

"And when you fast, don't put on a sad face like the hypocrites. They distort their faces so people will know they are fasting. I assure you that they have their reward. When you fast, brush your hair and wash your face. Then you won't look like you are fasting to people, but only to your Father who is present in that secret place. Your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Stop collecting treasures for your own benefit on earth, where moth and rust eat them and where thieves break in and steal them. Instead, collect treasures for yourselves in heaven, where moth and rust don't eat them and where thieves don't break in and steal them. Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Ⓓ The Gospel of the Lord.

☒ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

Becky Robbins-Penniman

[Please be seated.]

SERMON HYMN

God is Here!

[Please stand.]

**God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

**Here are symbols to remind us of our life-long need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.**

**Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.**

**Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!**

THE NICENE CREED

AI 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 choose.]

D Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

- ℓ We pray for all who call you Lord. Renew our spirits that 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*]
- ☞ **Renew us so that we are courageous agents of justice and compassion, and share our resources generously.**
- ℓ 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.
- ☞ **Renew us so that we love and serve others as Christ loves and serves us.**
- ℓ We pray for all who are responsible for the mission and ministry of the church, lay and ordained.
- ☞ **Renew 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.**
- ℓ 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.
- ☞ **Renew 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.**
- ℓ We pray for those whose life on this earth has ended, [especially... *read names from notebook.*] Let light perpetual shine upon them.
- ☞ **Renew 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.**
- ℓ Let your grace restore us, good Lord, and let your Spirit inspire us.
- ☞ **Renew us and accomplish in us the work of your salvation, that we may show forth your glory in the world. Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

- ℓ Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. [*Silence is kept.*]
- ℳ **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.**
- ℙ Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
- ☞ **Amen.**

PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

[Please be seated.]

THE GREETING OF PEACE

[Please stand.]

- P** We meet in Christ's name.
- G** **Let us share his peace.** *[All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.]*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

- D** 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

Lead Me, Lord

S. Wesley

[Please be seated.]

PRESENTATION

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

- D** Blessed are you, O God, maker of all, including these gifts representing our selves, our time, and our possessions. Grant that we may use what has been gathered here to be a blessing to your world.

PRESENTATION HYMN

We Give Thee but Thine Own

- All** ***We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.***

***The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Prayer A [Book of Common Prayer]

- P** The Lord be with you.
- G** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- G** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- G** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
- P** 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 Sacrament, 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:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

- ☩ 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. Hosanna in the highest.**

[Kneel or stand , as you choose]

- ☩** 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 he 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

P And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All **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

P Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

C **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

Jesus, Lamb of God

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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, a loved one, or anything else on your heart.

COMMUNION MUSIC

[Please remain seated.]

COMMUNION CHANT

Nothing Can Trouble

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

C



Noth-ing can trou - ble; noth-ing can fright - en. Those who seek



God shall nev - er go want - ing. Noth-ing can trou - ble; noth-ing



can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

P Let us pray...

G **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

[Please stand.]

P God give you open ears that the Word may revive you; an open mind that the Spirit may refresh you, and an open heart that Love may renew you, and the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.

G **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Live Into Hope

***Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!***

***Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity,
removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.***

***Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be,
the right to have one's daily bread, to hear god's word and thus be free.***

***Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.***

THE DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Fugue on the Kyrie

P. DuMage

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	Becky Robbins-Penniman
Deacon	Cindy Roehl
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Acolyte	Peter Brotherhood
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	Indra Eldridge
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	Judy Warner
Prayers	Judith Auger
Prayer Team	Wendy Anderson and Laurel Banta
Greeters	Jay Ozbun and Nancy Fisher
Ushers	Phil Beauchamp
	Evelyn Slama
Sunday School	Carey Cherivtch
Nursery	Dayana Mosquera
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