



First Sunday in Lent ~ February 21, 2021

Prelude

We Walk by Faith - David Cherwien

Dr. Steven Gray

Gathering Hymn

Bless Now, O God the Journey ELW 326

Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.

Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way;
your hope burns through the terrors, your love sustains the day.
We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound;
together we are seeking the road where faith is found.

Divine eternal lover, you meet us on the road.
We wait for land of promise where milk and honey flow,
but waiting not for places, you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found.

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

C Amen.

P God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Fountain of living water,

C pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood.

Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

P Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more.

C Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Create in Me a Clean Heart – ELW 186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Prayer of The Day

P The Lord be with you, **C and also with you.** P Let us pray.

Lesson: Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm: 25:1-10

Gospel Acclamation

Lord, Let My Heart ELW 512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Doolittle

Hymn of The Day

Thy Holy Wings ELW 613

Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me,
and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee.
Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place,
and let my ev'ry moment be lived within thy grace.

Oh, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast
where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest.
Oh, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there,
for I am but a newborn and need thy tender care.

Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood.
Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good.
Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small,
and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers

P Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Hear us O God. **C Your mercy is great.**

The prayers conclude:

P and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.**

Song of Prayer

Jesus, Remember Me ELW 616 (sing twice)

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The Peace

*While we cannot share the peace in person,
we live each day knowing the gift of God's great peace is with us always.*

Musical Offering

The Lord is My Light – Frances Allitsen

Katy Lundeen

The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

P You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you ✝ that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

C Amen.

P Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C Thanks be to God.

Sending Hymn

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me ELW 325

I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Postlude

Toccata: The God of Abraham Praise – Gordon Young

Dr. Steven Gray

Serving Us Today

Pastor Jonathan Doolittle & Pastor Cyndi Jones

Dr. Steven Gray, Organist & Director of Music

Katy Lundeen, Vocalist

Parker Snipas & Chase Dunlavey: AV Technicians

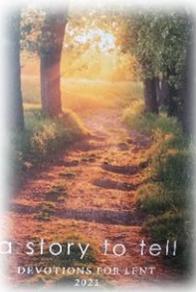
Communion Assistant: Pam Allen

Slides: Lorri Carlsen

Remember in prayer: Bev Covey, Myra Brandt, Bill Reed, Merle Flattum, Nadine Anderson, Jack & Margaret Volkmann, Wanda Boyce, Bill & Delores Huston, Gaby Oregon, Janet Wood, Carl Johnson, Tim Neal, Barb Kanneman.

We continue to pray for all those affected by Covid-19. For doctors and nurses, teachers and students, pastors and congregants, our friends and families, the first responders, and the multitude of people affected by this pandemic. We also pray for the residents of Texas as they deal with the winter storm that left millions without power and water.

A Celebration of Life for Kal Kaltenborn will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 27th. We will gather in the sanctuary with social distancing protocols in place.



Lenten Evening Devotions: Join us weekday evenings during Lent as we reflect on *A Story to Tell* from your Lenten gift bags 5 to 5:30pm, Weekdays Feb 18-March 31.

We'd love to have you join us!

Begins Feb 18, 2021 5:00 p.m. every weekday, until Mar 31.

Copy the link below into your browser to join the meeting.

<https://zoom.us/j/99553802445?pwd=dUxBUmMyU3gzYUp1L01YMXRxZUZmZz09>

Meeting ID: 995 5380 2445

Passcode: 285802

A new book discussion on *Forgiven and Forgiving* by L. William Countryman will begin February 23rd and meet each Tuesday afternoon through Easter at 2:30-4 pm on zoom. Janet Wood has offered to bulk order the books so if you are interested please let Pastor Cyndi or Janet know.

Reminder: We offer a watch party on the patio each Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. for worship. We are socially distant from one another and wear masks. Bring your coffee, hot chocolate, or even some breakfast if you want. After worship hop in line for drive-thru communion.

✚ *In the event of rain, we will not gather on the patio, or offer drive-thru communion.*



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