

First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

Our Approach to God

Prelude *God Will Make A Way* arr. Moen & Hayes

The Call to Worship

We have entered the season of Lent, a time to examine our hearts and our lives
and journey with Christ through the suffering of the world.

Let us lift up our souls to our merciful God
and humble ourselves in God's service.

God has marked us as beloved dust
and called us together to worship.

The Hymn of Praise *Lift High the Cross* 371
(verses 1 & 3)

The Call to Confession

Throughout the 40 Days of Lenten journey, we will render our hearts to the Lord in repentance and seek God's mercy. God remain faithful to the covenant of steadfast love, even when we are unfaithful. Without fear, then, we confess our sins to the merciful God.

The Prayer of Confession

In the season of Lent, O God, we say lofty words about renewing our spiritual disciplines, journeying with you to the cross, or denying ourselves material wants for the good of the soul. Forgive us, O God, if our actions are in vain: if we are concerned with the good of the soul rather than the good of your people; if we have twisted this season of penitence into a reason for praise or judgment; if we are so preoccupied with the sins of the world that we cannot recognize and confess the sins of our own lives.

Hear us Lord, as we approach you in the silence of our hearts with our own intentions (Silence)

Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy. Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again.

The Assurance of Pardon 1 Peter 3:20-22
As Noah and his family were brought safely through the flood on dry ground, so in baptismal waters we are brought from death into new life in Christ. Jesus Christ, who is at the right hand of God, forgives us and all things in heaven and on earth. Thanks be to God for this good news. Amen!

The Response The Gloria Patri 579
Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

The Special Music *Hunger and Thirst* Moffett & Smith

The Word of God

The Time with the Children "Good and Bad Days" Peggy Knutson

The Old Testament Reading Genesis 9:8-17 (Isaiah)

The Gospel Reading Mark 1:9-15

The Sermon "On The Way" Pastor Philomena

Our Response to Serve

The Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall 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 life everlasting. Amen.

The Hymn *Lord, Who Throughout These 40 Days* 81
(verses 1 & 3)

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts
The Prayer of Dedication (Gannon)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

The Elements

(We now eat together symbolizing our unity in Christ. We drink from the cup symbolizing our individual relationship with Christ.)

The Prayer After Communion

Thank you, gracious God, for giving us bread for the journey of these forty days. As we travel on through the wilderness, help us to share your grace with others and draw us ever closer to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Charge and Benediction

The Postlude

Wherever He Leads I'll Go

McKinney

371. Lift High the Cross

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Refrain)

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Your death has brought us life eternally. (Refrain)

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81. Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

1 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.

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

Genesis 9:8-17

⁸God said to Noah and his sons, ⁹“I am now making my covenant with you and with your descendants, ¹⁰and with all living beings — all birds and all animals — everything that came out of the boat with you. ¹¹With these words I make my covenant with you: I promise that never again will all living beings be destroyed by a flood; never again will a flood destroy the earth. ¹²As a sign of this everlasting covenant which I am making with you and with all living beings, ¹³I am putting my bow in the clouds. It will be the sign of my covenant with the world. ¹⁴Whenever I cover the sky with clouds and the rainbow appears, ¹⁵I will remember my promise to you and to all the animals that a flood will never again destroy all living beings. ¹⁶When the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between me and all living beings on earth. ¹⁷That is the sign of the promise which I am making to all living beings.”