

**1ST SUNDAY IN LENT
GATHER IN GOD’S NAME**

(*=**please stand if you are able**)

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Prayer

L: O God, in you we trust.

P: Lead us in your truth and teach us,

L: for you are the God of our salvation;

P: for you we wait, for you we worship.

Hymn of the Month GTG#646

“Sing Out, My Soul/Magnificat”

Call to Confession

We pause here to examine our lives, our temptations, and the ways we have fallen short before our God. Let us confess our sins together.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, as we begin this Lenten wilderness journey with Jesus, we confess our neglect of you and our faith. We make idols of nation, money and power. We build walls instead of better relationships. We fail to follow Jesus to the poor, the destitute, the stranger. Empty us this Lent, Holy God. Guide us in our faith so we can leave this wilderness season in right relationship with you. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Remember and receive these hopeful words from John 8:31-32, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” Receive God’s truth. Receive God’s grace. Accept the freedom God provides. Amen.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

“Let Us with a Joyful Mind”

Therefore with a joyful mind,
praise our God forever kind,
rich with mercies that endures
ever faithful, ever sure

Prayer for Illumination

God of grace, help us seek you and the truth you intend for us today. Let us not be distracted by worldly pursuits or pleasures. Help us to focus our hearts and minds on you and your Word read and proclaimed. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “I am now setting up my covenant with you, with your descendants, and with every living being with you—with the birds, with the large animals, and with all the animals of the earth, leaving the ark with you. I will set up my covenant with you so that never again will all life be cut off by floodwaters. There will never again be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the symbol of the covenant that I am drawing up between me and you and every living thing with you, on behalf of every future generation. I have placed my bow in the clouds; it will be the symbol of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will remember the covenant between me and you and every living being among all the creatures. Floodwaters will never again destroy all creatures. The bow will be in the clouds, and upon seeing it I will remember the enduring covenant between God and every living being of all the earth’s creatures.” God said to Noah, “This is the symbol of the covenant that I have set up between me and all creatures on earth.”

L: This is the word of God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem:

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ himself suffered on account of sins, once for all, the righteous one on behalf of the unrighteous. He did this in order to bring you into the presence of God. Christ was put to death as a human, but made alive by the Spirit. And it was by the Spirit that he went to preach to the spirits in prison. In the past, these spirits were disobedient—when God patiently waited during the time of Noah. Noah built an ark in which a few (that is, eight) lives were rescued through water. Baptism is like that. It saves you now—not because it removes dirt from your body but because it is the mark of a good conscience toward God. Your salvation comes through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who is at God’s right side. Now that he has gone into heaven, he rules over all angels, authorities, and powers.

L: This is the word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Turn To The Life Or Turn To The Left”

Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez

Hymn (See Insert)

“Water, River, Spirt, Grace”

Welcoming New Member Silvio De La Cruz

THE EUCHARIST

***Invitation to the table**

***Breaking of the Bread**

Communion Hymn GTG#227

“Jesus, Remember Me”

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Words of Gratitude

God calls us to lives of grateful generosity. Let us praise the Giver of all good gifts through our offering today.

RESPOND IN GRACE

Offertory GTG#205

“Live in Charity / Ubi Caritas”

Live in Charity and steadfast love.
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.

Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

*** Doxology**

“Amen We Praise Your Name O God”

Sing amen.
Amen, we praise your name, O God. (Sing amen.)
Amen, we praise your name, O God. (Sing amen.)
Amen, amen, amen, amen.
Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Masithi.
Amen, siakudu misa. (Masithi.)
Amen, siakudu misa. (Masithi.)
Amen, bawo, amen, bawo.
Amen, siakudu misa.

Prayer of Dedication

God of grace, you provide for us in amazing ways. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless them to further Christ’s ministry and mission among the poor, the suffering and the destitute. Amen.

Prayers of the People

***Lord’s Prayer**

Hymn GTG#819

“Be Still, My Soul”

Announcements

Benediction

God is Good! All the time! All the Time! God is Good!

Beloved people of God; I invite you, in the name of Christ, to observe a holy Lent by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love, and by meditating on Gods’ Word. May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us all, now and forever. Amen.

The Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

Amen

Postlude

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

Prayers of the People

O God, your Word is holy and hope-filled. We read these words from the Gospel of Mark today with joy and thanksgiving: "The Kingdom of God has come near." On this First Sunday of Lent, we give thanks for all the ways you come near and make yourself known to us, Great God. We give thanks for the boundaries you break on our behalf, crossing the heavens to come to earth, moving from the spiritual to the physical in the life and flesh of Jesus. As we follow your Beloved Son and our Beloved Savior into the wilderness of Lent, we pray for more signs of your "Kingdom come near" in our lives, the lives of those we love, and our world.

God of all nations, the kingdoms we have built have desecrated your creation and established hierarchies of domination. We pray for an end to violence, war, hostage taking and terrorism, the abhorrent methods by which one tribe seeks to dominate another. May your kingdom come near, enlightening us to the error of our ways, to the consequences and costs of our sins, to alternative structures that promote peace, justice, and dignity for all life. Just as your Spirit possessed Jesus on the day of his baptism, may your Spirit fill us with the passion and the courage to pursue a more just world for all, the building of peaceful kin-doms, not hierarchical kingdoms, where all can flourish, and all creation can be renewed.

God of the incarnation, we praise you for the intimacy of knowing you through your son, Jesus Christ, and the way you come near in human flesh. You know our joy and our pain. You know our need and that which truly satisfies. You know our suffering and the path to healing. Your presence is balm to our wounds. Your love is an unfathomable grace. God be with those we know who are suffering and struggling, as well as those known only to you.

We pray for the innocent trapped beneath falling bombs and warring nations ...
We pray for those forced from their homes, unsafe and insecure and seeking asylum ...
We pray for the unhoused and the hungry, struggling to survive ...
We pray for the overwhelmed and exhausted, in need of respite, rest and relief ...
We pray for those who are ill and their caregivers ...
We pray for those who are struggling under the weight of grief ...

God, come near to those who are suffering. Also, come near to those in our community, those on our prayer list, those we name silently before you now

We lift these prayers to you, Gracious God, confident that you hear us and even know the prayers we are too afraid to pray. Hear us now as we join our hearts and our voices to pray the prayer Jesus taught us to pray by saying, **"Our Father"**



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EVENTS HAPPENING IN 2024

In person hybrid worship is at 11AM

Zoom link is as follows:

By Computer

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 870 270 865

One tap mobile

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Drumming Program will be on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. The next session will be Feb. 19 at 6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall

Hybrid English Bible Study will be on Thursdays at 11AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Zoom Link bible study

By computer

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 376 838 854

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Spanish Bible Study will be on Wednesdays.

Valentine's Day Celebration following worship today

Worship Team Meeting will be Monday February 19th at 9:30AM

Emergency Shelter Program we are hosting the program again this week from Feb. 19th – Feb. 26th.

Session Meeting will be Feb. 26th at 7PM

Annual Congregational Meeting will be March 10th following worship.

Please Share your tithes and offerings using the QR code below



Prayers and Praise

Please pray for everyone in leadership

Please pray for children/ families

Please pray for the Otu family

Please pray for the Supina/Ruess family

Please pray for the Sevilla family

Please pray for people struggling with cancer for healing

Please pray for people struggling with mental health

Please pray for leaders, people in a position of authority

Please pray for the Denzer Family

Please pray for Heather Blenkinsopp

Please pray for the Carretta family

Please pray for the Yumart family

Please pray for the Sippel family

Please pray for the Quinoy family

Please pray for Joy and Teresa Zeiden

Please pray for Boateng family

Please Pray for Orr family

Please pray for Kiara Taylor's family

Please pray for Bruce and family

Please pray for Bob

Please pray for Curtis

Please pray for the Bonapace family

Please pray for peace in the world

Praise Songs and Hymns
Sing Out, My Soul/Magnificat

Sing out, my soul.
Sing out, my soul.
Sing out and glorify the Lord who sets us free.
Sing out, my soul.
Sing out, my soul.
Sing out and glorify the Lord God!

Magnificat.
Magnificat.
Magnificat anima mea Dominum.
Magnificat.
Magnificat.
Magnificat anima mea!

Water, River, Spirit, Grace

Water, River, Spirit, Grace, sweep over me, sweep over me!
Recarve the depths your fingers traced in sculpting me in sculpting me.

Jesus, Remember Me

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

Be Still, My Soul

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide,
who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord;
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.