

Hearing God's Call to Become Community

Prelude: "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" # 180

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn of Gathering:** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" # 16

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.
2. Here I raise to thee an altar; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
3. O to grace how great a debtor; daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, how I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Seeking God's Mercy and Pardon

*Responsive Call to Worship 8:30am Nancy Kline/10:30am Jim Ward

"Psalm 51" (see insert) # 743

Proclaiming and Hearing the Word

Children's Message Rev. Schwartz & Abigail

Text *Isaiah 58: 1-12* (NRSVA)

Message "What's the Point of Lent?" Rev. Schwartz

Time for Giving

Call for Our Offerings 8:30am Nancy Kline/10:30am Jim Ward

***Doxology:** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" # 46

Prayer of Dedication

* = *Please stand*

Receiving the Visible and Tangible Signs of God's Grace

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational/Pastoral Prayer

A Prayer of Confession # 571

Communion Meditation and Invitation 8:30am Rev. Schwartz/10:30am Jim Ward

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

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

Communion Music: "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" # 339

***Come forward to the Lord's Table to partake of Communion**

Departing to Serve Where God Leads

Closing Hymn: "Sanctuary" MSPW1 # 52

**Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true,
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.**

**Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true,
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you. (repeat)**

***Benediction** Rev. Schwartz

Postlude: "The Lord's Prayer" # 310

February 26, 2023

First Sunday in Lent
Liturgical Color: Violet

Isaiah 58: 1-12 (NRSVA)

¹Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

³‘Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?’ Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers.

⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard.

⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

L: These are Words from the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

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Welcome! May your Journey of Faith be encouraged while you seek God here today.