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Worship Service

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First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 21st, 2021 11:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

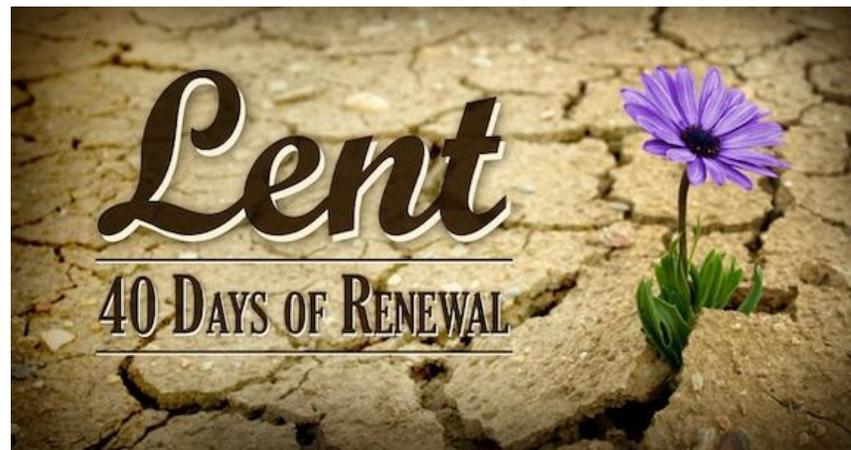
Perseverance is the will to carry on. Once we discern our true direction, we stay the course for however long it takes, regardless of obstacles that arise. When creativity inspires us, we do the work required to bring it to fruition. We patiently pursue our goals, remaining steadfast and focused. We persist with a task until it is completed. People can trust us to finish what we start. When our relationships are tested, we have the commitment to work things through. We are determined to succeed.

(The Virtues Project)

“Just don’t give up trying to do what you really want to do. Where there’s love and inspiration, I don’t think you can go wrong.” Ella Fitzgerald

Page 2 Praising God

Prelude “Land of the Misty Giants” (*Canadiana Suite*)
Oscar Peterson



Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Let us take a moment to quiet our thoughts as we prepare our hearts for worship...

God said to Noah, “I am making my covenant with you, with your people and all living things.”

As a sign of this promise, God put a rainbow in the sky.

The rainbow is a reminder that God is with us always. Today we celebrate the gift of the rainbow, which is a sign of God’s love and a bridge to uniting all of creation.

Together let us walk our Lenten path past all temptations and end up living out God’s love and grace.

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of Creation, we give thanks for Your rainbow promise that unites us as Your people. As we begin the season of Lent, help us to recognize the signs of this promise in all the wilderness places of our lives. Touch our hearts with a renewed sense of purpose and open us more fully to Your path of enlightenment as we worship. Amen.

Hymn (108) “Throughout These Lenten Days
and Nights” vs. 1,3,4,5

- 1 Throughout these Lenten days and nights
we turn to walk the inward way,
where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,
we live in hope till Easter Day.
- 3 We bear the silence, cross and pain
of human burdens, human strife,
while sisters, brothers help sustain
our courage till the Feast of Life.
- 4 And though the road is hard and steep,
the Spirit ever calls us on through
Calvary's dying, dark and deep,
until we see the coming Dawn.
- 5 So let us choose the path of One
who wore, for us, the crown of thorn,
and slept in death that we might wake
to life on Resurrection Morn!

Prayer for Grace (unison)

Lenten God, we hear Your voice inviting us into the wilderness where every journey must begin. We trust that Your presence will be with us on the

way. Direct us through the wilderness not as puppets on a string, but as partners who seek Your wisdom and guidance. Inspire us to follow Your way as we remember Your rainbow promise. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

God's love for us is unconditional. No matter what we do, God reaches out to us and embraces us with love and compassion. Thanks be to God!

Hebrew Reading Genesis 9:8-17 L. Clubine-Ito
(The covenant between God and Noah.)

Gospel Lesson Mark 1:9-15 L. Clubine-Ito
(The baptism, temptation and mission of Jesus.)



Solo “To the Desert Jesus Came” Linnea Good
P. Tibbles Cookson, Mezzo Soprano

Sermon “From Temptations to Rainbows”
Rev. Cooper

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Hymn (115) “Jesus, Tempted in the Desert” vs.1, 3, 4

- 1 Jesus, tempted in the desert,
lonely, hungry, filled with dread:
'Use your power,' the tempter tells him;
'turn these barren rocks to bread!'
'Not alone by bread,' he answers,
'can the human heart be filled.
Only by the Word that calls us
is our deepest hunger stilled!'
- 3 Jesus, tempted on the mountain
by the lure of vast domain:
'Fall before me! Be my servant!
Glory, fame, you're sure to gain!
Jesus sees the dazzling vision,
turns his eyes another way:
'God alone deserves our homage!
God alone will I obey!'
- 4 When we face temptation's power,
lonely, struggling, filled with dread,
Christ, who knew the tempter's hour,
come and be our living bread.
By your grace, protect, preserve us
lest we fall, your trust betray.
Yours, above all other voices,
be the Word we hear, obey.

Responding to God

Lenten Litany

Juanita Austin

Read by L.Clubine-Ito & Rev. Cooper

One: Forty days to wander in the wilderness.
That is what Lent calls us to do.

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All: And so we wander, unsure of where we are going, uncertain of the purpose of this journey, unsettled by the silence of the desert, and overwhelmed by the opportunities before us.

Hymn (154) MV “Deep In Our Hearts” vs. 1

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

One: Yet even in the wilderness time we feel the pull of the Spirit. We find ourselves yearning for the One who puts breath in our lungs and tosses the stars into the sky.

All: We are desperate to know God as Abraham did and feel the blessing of the Creator upon us. Even in this wild space, we know the Holy is near.

Hymn (154) MV “Deep In Our Hearts” vs. 2

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.

One: And so we gather at this spiritual place and time. We could turn back; we've not gone too far in the desert yet. But we won't! We will keep on this sacred journey, trusting that God will guide us.

All: We will keep on trusting that wisdom will be offered. We will keep on trusting that in this

wilderness time we will be offered glimpses of a God who fills our lives with love, joy, and meaning.

Hymn (154) MV “Deep In Our Hearts” vs. 3
Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
Deep in our hearts there is a common current,
flowing to freedom like a stream.

One: In the midst of a snowy, cold winter, in the midst of the uncertainty of a pandemic, we have slipped into a new liturgical season.

All: The colour has changed from green to purple; the mood is introspective.

One: A journey is being undertaken. We begin to recall Jesus’ last weeks of ministry, before crucifixion and death try to silence him.

All: Our lives are changed as we follow Jesus on this journey. Let us follow the path of Jesus through this season of Lent.

Hymn (154) MV “Deep In Our Hearts” vs. 4
Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

Commissioning and Benediction

Although the road is long and the journey is hard
Although the mountains are too high
And the valleys are too low
By your grace, give us hope
By your power, give us strength
By your mercy, give us wisdom

So that we may continue to go where you lead us
Until all Your children are safe from harm.
May we go with Your light shining in us. Amen.

Choral Amen “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we;
Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now,
With ev’ry step I take let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment
in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Postlude “This Is My Father's World”
English trad. melody, arr. Cindy Berry

Thank you for joining our Zoom audio and video worship service today. We hope you found the worship service a meaningful experience.

Many thanks to B. Kai, J. Brooker, R. Bloor and R. Kunihiro for coordinating our Zoom audio and video service. Thanks to L. Clubine-Ito for reading our scriptures and litany. Thanks to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

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Today, Sunday, February 21th, First Sunday of Lent.

Sunday, February 28th, Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 7th, Third Sunday of Lent
1:00 p.m., voting rehearsal for Annual meeting on Zoom

Sunday March 14th, Fourth Sunday of Lent
1:00 p.m. – Annual Meeting on Zoom audio/video

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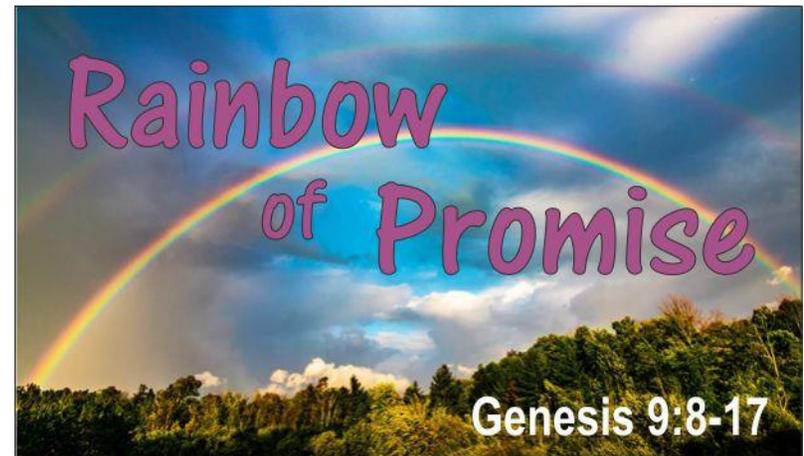
Prayers and Concerns: Please remember in your prayers all those in need of hope, comfort and healing.

BUC Prayer Group: These individuals offer confidential prayer support to anyone who is in need of God's healing love, support and compassion in

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their lives. Prayers may be for a relative, a close friend or yourself. Please **contact** E, Turnbull or R. Shikaze with your prayer request. Thank you.

God bless you, stay well, stay safe and we hope you tune in next week...same day, same time, and same Zoom phone number or video link.



Have a blessed day!