

ENTER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

Assisted listening devices are available in the sound booth.

PRELUDE

Lenten Prelude

Music by Jehan Alain

† CALL TO WORSHIP

† *Indicates the congregation should stand.*

L: Open your hearts to God's love today.

P: In the midst of winter darkness, we seek the brightness of God's love.

L: Don't be afraid. God is with you.

P: With the Lord's help, we can overcome the darkness.

L: The Lord is your light and your salvation.

P: Even though everything around us is disturbing, yet God's love is constant. Thanks be to God.

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 116

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

Worshippers may choose to use a hymnal for this less-familiar hymn.

† PRAYER

Lord, we come to You this morning with so many concerns and issues that demand our attention. Our lives are burdened; our spirits are tired. Guide our lives and our steps as we walk this Lenten journey, inward and outward. Help us to discern what You would have us do, that others may be healed. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

† PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

God makes peace within us; let us claim it. God makes peace between us; let us share it. Let us greet one another as a sign of God's peace.

L: The peace of Christ is here among us.

P: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

What Brings Us Together

Music by Jay Althouse

Covenant Choir

What brings us together, what joins our hearts is Jesus, our Savior, and the love He imparts. And here in this church we find God's own Son. We worship and we join Him as one. What brings us together year after year is love of our Savior, and He is here. And in this sanctuary we come to Him and pray, for He is surely with us today. A covenant with Jesus of heart and mind and hand is made with true believers; with Christ, the Lord, we stand.

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

CALL TO THE WORD

Be honest, how many of us ever read a single online user's terms and agreement when signing up for something? Sometimes these agreements have important pieces of information that you contractually agree to and need to know. In today's reading, God offers something like an agreement called a "covenant." When God enters into a covenant, we must take notice of the relational contract with His people that creates obligations and blessings keeping everyone true to the agreement. We see such an arrangement in Genesis 15 when God formally enters into a covenant with Abram.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

God's Covenant with Abram

Pastor Meshach Kanyion

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: There is a certain winter in our spirits today, O Lord.

P: We feel that the journey on which we have embarked will demand too much of us.

L: There are so many other things in our lives which claim our spirits, our energy, our hopes and fears.

P: It is easy to be like Jerusalem, turning our backs on those whom You send.

L: The world shouts its solutions to us and then deserts us when we are in need.

P: Forgive us for the many times in which we have strayed from Your pathway of life; when we have chosen not to hear the cries of those in need; when we have belittled the gifts and skills You have given us in order to avoid serving others.

All pray in silence.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: When God calls your name, God calls you to a journey of faith. Do not be afraid to look inside to see those things which are holding you back from being who God creates you to be. Place your trust in God who is always with you, loving you into wholeness.

P: Amen.

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

OFFERTORY

Offertory on OLIVET

Music by Karl Osterland

† DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, You have shown us the sacrifice that You desire. Now use these gifts and our lives to liberate the oppressed, to break the bonds of injustice, to feed the hungry, welcome the poor, and unite the human family. Amen.

GO FORTH WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† RECESSIONAL HYMN 529

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION
vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

Postlude in D Minor

Music by Johann Sachs

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Scripture readings are New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) unless otherwise noted.

IN WORSHIP TODAY

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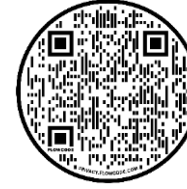
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