

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy God, we bring our tithes and offerings to your altar, understanding that on the journey in Lent, we can't avoid or detour around the wilderness. Bless our gifts for your unfinished kingdom work. Remind us, as we worship here, that this redemption of our lives did not come without a price; without our own repentance, we can miss the enormity of the gift Jesus gave. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

## PRAYER HYMN

Lead Me, Lord

UMH 473

## CALL TO PRAYER / PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE THE LORD'S PRAYER

## SENDING FORTH

Pass It On

UMH 572

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

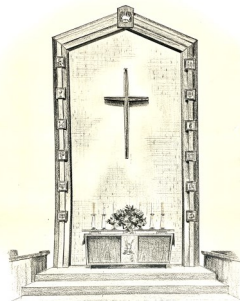
"Salvation Now Is Come to Earth," J.S. Bach  
Organist: Joanne Reed

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Private Morning Prayer time: Tuesday through Friday 6 AM to 7 AM (Lenten Season ONLY)
- Spring Bible Study: Friday 7 PM, March 8 (Hybrid Gathering)
- "FaithWorks Diner", Lunch on Saturday: 11 AM, March 2 and March 16

## OUTREACH MINISTRIES

- FAITHWORKS THRIFT SHOP: Monday 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM and 1st and 3rd Saturdays 9AM to 1 PM
- FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM: Monday 6:30 to 8:30 PM and 1st and 3rd Saturdays 9AM to 1 PM
- LARGE FOOD DISTRIBUTION: the 2nd Tuesday from 6 PM to 7:00



## SPECIAL PRAY FOR:

Grace Damiano, Gloria Kluger, Carol Caputo, Marlon Horn, Chu & Jinwhan Lee, YoungBum Koo, George. Families who lost their beloved in Jordan.



# CONNECTING & CARING

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**10 AM, February 18, 2024**

ONLINE ZOOM: Direct Connection: [LINK CLICK HERE](#)

Meeting ID: 202 185 2147 / Passcode: 243239

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

(First Sunday in Lent)

## PRELUDE

"Alle Menschen Mussen Sterben," J.S. Bach

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We trust in you, O God, for you are faithful.

**Show us your ways and teach us your paths.**

We wait for you.

**Lead us in your paths of truth.**

Do not remember our failures.

**Out of your merciful grace, forgive us.**

You are faithful, O God. Your love is steadfast.

**We lift up our souls to you, and praise you always. Amen.**

## HYMN

**O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go**

UMH 480

## OPENING PRAYER

God of the covenant, you are ever faithful. Your love never ends. Teach us your ways. And guide us in your paths of love and forgiveness, that we may witness to your grace and salvation. Amen.

## THE PEACE

The Peace of the risen Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**

Let us pass the peace to one another by waving.

## INVITATION HYMN

**This Is the Day**

UMH 657

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## BLESSING HYMN

**Jesus Loves Me (v.1)**

UMH 191

## SCRIPTURE READING

Kyla Johnson

### Psalm 25:1-10 (NRSV)

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- 2 O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.
- 3 Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
- 4 Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.
- 5 Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.
- 6 Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
- 7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!
- 8 Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

- 9 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.
- 10 All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

### Mark 1:9-15 (NRSV)

- 9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.
- 10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.
- 11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."
- 12 And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.
- 13 He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.
- 14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,
- 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

## RESPONSE

This is the word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

## ANTHEM

**"Let Me Be a Light in the Darkness,"** M.K.Beall/J. Carter

## SERMON

**In the Wilderness**

Heeyoung Lim

## OFFERING SONG

I Surrender all (v.1)

UMH 354

## GIVING OUR GIFTS

Doxology

UMH 95