

# Worship Service ~ February 21, 2021, 9:00

## First Sunday in Lent

VISION: Be the body of Christ:  
welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.  
MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Worship Broadcast is sponsored by  
Merle and Susan Riebeling in honor of their Wedding Anniversary.

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

OPENING SONG            ELW #321 *ETERNAL LORD OF LOVE, BEHOLD*  
*YOUR CHURCH*            stz 1, 2

Eternal Lord of love, behold your church  
walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,  
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
moved by your love and toward your presence bent:  
far off yet here – the goal of all desire.

So daily dying to the way of self,  
so daily living in your way of love,  
we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,  
knowing ourselves baptized into your death:  
so we are dead and live with you in God.

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*~Silence for reflection~*

L: Fountain of living water,

**C: pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

L: Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus. **Amen.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Holy God,

**C: heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

#### PRAYER LAB MINUTE

SPECIAL MUSIC            *"Depth of Mercy"* Faith Online Choir

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

R: A reading from Genesis.

##### **Genesis 9:8-17**

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." <sup>12</sup>God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."



## BLESSING

L: May the LORD bless us and keep us; May the LORD's face shine upon us and be gracious unto us, May the LORD look upon us with favor, + and give us peace.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING SONG    ELW #785 *IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL* stz 1, 2

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot,  
thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,  
and hath shed his own blood from my soul. *refrain*

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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