

Worship Service ~ February 21, 2021, 10:30

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.

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OPENING SONG *We Are Called*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

R: A reading from Genesis.

Genesis 9:8-17

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and 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. ¹¹I 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.” ¹²God 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: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I 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. ¹⁶When 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.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

R: A Gospel reading from the 1st chapter of Mark.

Mark 1:9-15

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

SONG OF THE DAY *More Like Jesus*

MESSAGE Deacon Nina Joygaard

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: We pray, **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 *Beautiful Things*

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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