

First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

10:30am



GATHER

WORDS OF WELCOME

Kelly Couch

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Meg Brown

Jesus went to the mountaintop to pray.

Jesus went into the city to heal.

Jesus walked to Samaria to extend love.

Jesus went to the water's edge to teach.

Jesus went to places of peace and connection,

but Jesus also went to the wilderness.

There is nowhere we can go that God does not walk with us.

We are in God's house. Let us worship Holy God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE¹

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

No. 618

(Stanzas 1 - 4)

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, when we think that expansive life is about power—

Teach us a new way.

Gracious Creator, when we think that expansive life is about material wealth—

Teach us a new way.

Gracious Author, when we think that expansive life is about control—

Teach us a new way.

Teach us to live as you live.

Teach us to love as you love.

Forgive us when we don't.

Gratefully we pray, amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Spoken Response

Hear and believe this good news:

God's love is overflowing. We are drenched in mercy. Thanks be to God, amen.

**Sung Response*

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High *(Stanza 5)*

No. 618

All glory to our Lord and God,

For love so deep, so high, so broad;

The Trinity whom we adore

Forever and forever more.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Following the Sharing of the Peace of Christ, children are invited
to come forward and sit on the front row of chairs, next to the piano.*

PROCLAIM

TIME WITH CHILDREN

At this time, children may be dismissed for Sunday school or can choose to remain in worship for the rest of the service. There are two children's Sunday School classes, for Pre-K–3rd grade and for 4th grade and up.

¹ *You are invited to stand.

Please join in saying/singing aloud the responses **printed in bold**.

Hymn numbers correspond to the pages in the red or purple *Glory to God* hymn book in the pew rack in front of you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

The Glory of These Forty Days

No. 165

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reading from the Old Testament

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

NRSVue

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:1-13

NRSVue

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Full to the Brim, Even in the Desert

Elder Kelly Couch

RESPOND

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

written by Rev. Sarah Speed

We believe God is love.

We believe God's love is overflowing.

We believe Jesus is a river.

We believe that river is running toward us.

We believe the Holy Spirit is a vessel.

We believe that vessel holds mercy for you and for me.

We believe the wilderness is real.

We believe the desert is lonely.

We believe that Jesus has been there.

We know that we do not walk alone.

Even in the desert,

we are loved.

Even in the desert,

God is with us.

Even in the desert,

this love overflows.

Thanks be to God,

amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND ENGAGEMENT

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

During the time of offering, you are invited to make a financial contribution to LPC. You may do so by placing cash or a check (payable to "LPC") in the offering plate, or give by credit card by using the QR code to be directed to our online giving page. You are also encouraged to be in prayer about how you can use your time and talents to serve God and neighbor this week.



Offertory As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought No. 712
Stanzas 1 and 3

*DOXOLOGY Praise God Whose Love Will Ne'er Depart No. 606

**Praise God, whose love will ne'er depart;
Praise Christ, who opens all our hearts;
Praise Spirit's pow'r to help us grow:
One God from whom all blessings flow!**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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 debts² as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

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*SENDING HYMN May the God of Hope Go with Us No. 765
Song of Hope

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Worship may be over, but our service has just begun.

² When saying the Lord's Prayer, some prefer to use the words "forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us" or "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Please pray as you feel led.

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