

David's UCC on February 21, 2021

First Sunday in Lent

Online Worship Bulletin



Opening Music – (the music will play approximately 10 minutes prior to 10:00 a.m.)

"The Garden Hymn" (from The Southern Harmony), arr. by Douglas E. Wagner

"Search Me, Oh God" - words and music by Jon Mohr and Randall Dennis

Let us ponder these lyrics as the piece is played.

"Search me, Oh God, reveal my heart, expose my sin that it may be confessed.

Search me, Oh God, unveil each thought, and leave no hidden motive unaddressed.

Uncover every action born in pride; show me the worldly ways I still embrace.

May every anxious thought be brought to light, and each unspoken fear with faith replaced.

Search me, oh God, observe my life, bring to my mind each idle word I speak.

Search me, Oh God, test my resolve, and alert me where You find it weak.

Reveal all weakened walls within my soul, show me potential dangers unforeseen.

Then clothe my conscience with Your holiness, help me to guard it well and keep it clean.

Search me, Oh God, that I may walk in peace, filled with the joy of knowing all is well.

My heart surrendered and my conscience clean, so great a joy my tongue can scarcely tell.

Oh what a joy to know that all is well."

"Hungry (Falling on My Knees)" Latjrum Scott, arr. by Tom Howard

Welcome – *Rev. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Call to Worship – *Rev. Michelle Wilkey*

One: God calls us away from the tumult of the world, where everything seems disposable and in a constant state of flux, that we may focus our thoughts on the things that are lasting.

Many: In God's presence we see our lives more clearly; the broken pieces are put back together. We experience the possibility and promise of wholeness and peace.

One: God calls us out of loneliness into a life of community, beyond passive indifference and into Love.

Many: Worshiping together, caring about and learning from one another, we find out what it means to be truly human.

One: God will send us back into the world's confusion and busyness, its brokenness and isolation, to share the New Thing that God is doing with others.

Many: We will go with serenity and joy, strengthened by God's servants, the bearers of peace.

Invocation –

Children's Moment –

A Word about Giving/Support – www.davidsucc.org

Special Music – *Tim Williams & Lyn Morton*

"Face to Face" Grant Colfax Tullar, arr. by Faye Lopez

Canticle: Psalm 25: 1 – 10 (adapted from The Message and NRSV)

One: My head is held high, God, to you I lift up my soul.

Many: We've put our trust in the Lord; do not let us be put to shame; or let our enemies get the best of us.

One: Don't embarrass any of us who went out on a limb for You,

Many: Let those who've abandoned faithfulness, be humiliated.

One: Show us how you work, God;

Many: School us in all your ways.

One: Lead us in your truth, take us by the hand and teach us,

Many: We wait for you all day long, the God of our salvation.

One: Let us mark the milestones of your mercy and love, God;

Many: As we work together to rebuild the ancient landmarks!

One: Please forget all those wild oats we sowed,

Many: Mark us with the signs of your love, lay out your best plans for our lives.

One: Our God is fair and just,

Many: Leading us in the ways that lead to life and peace.

One: God gives a hand to those who need it, and leads us all step by step in the path of wholeness.

Many: The way of the Lord is steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who follow the Covenant signs, the charted directions.

Call to Confession –

Unison Prayer of Confession – **We confess, gracious God, that we are not worthy of your love for us. You lead us out of the land of slavery; yet when the journey is hard, we long to return to the comfort of our chains. You speak to us through your prophets, telling us how our rebellion hurts and angers you; yet we harden our hearts and close our ears. You come to us in Jesus, revealing your love for all people, and sharing in human suffering with us; still we do not turn in love and obedience to you. We do that which we ought not to do, and we leave undone those things we ought to do. Our health comes from you. Sinful and rebellious as we are, we cannot trust in ourselves and the things that we do; we can only trust in your grace. Speak the word, O God, and we shall be made free. Forgive us, receive us, and give us courage to serve you with renewed hearts and wills; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon –

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayers and Lord's Prayer –

Hymn – "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" CCLI #221435

(Tim & Lyn will play while you sing, together, at home.)

- 1. O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may
richer, fuller be.**
- 2. O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.**
- 3. O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow thru the rain, and feel the promise is not vain, that
morn shall tearless be.**
- 4. O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.**

Scripture –

Hebrew – Genesis 9: 8-17

Epistle – 1 Peter 3: 18-22

Gospel – Mark 1: 9-15

Sermon – "A Better Picture of God"

Benediction/fare thee well until next time –

Closing Music – "Largo (from Xerxes)" Handel, arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

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