

David's UCC on March 7, 2021

Third Sunday in Lent

Online Worship Bulletin



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

"Sanctuary" John Thompson and Randy Scruggs (Please feel free to sing along at home.)

**"Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true,
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you."**

"How Firm a Foundation" Traditional American tune, arr. by Dale Wood

"Revelation Song" Jennie Lee Riddle, arr. by Heather Sorenson

"O Could I Speak the Matchless Worth" tune *Ariel*, Mozart,
arr. by Marilyn Thompson

Welcome – *Rev. Michelle Wilkey*

Call to Worship –

One: We are on a journey of faith.

Many: We travel with Jesus Christ as our guide.

One: The promises of God shine like a star before us and give us strength for the journey.

Many: But still, in the wilderness, we become impatient and rebellious, and tend to lose our way.

One: We gather, seeking to be fed by the manna of God's Word, to rediscover the paths of righteousness.

All: O God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Glory be to you in Jesus Christ and in your church to all generations. Amen.

Invocation –

Children's Moment – *Lyn Morton*

Announcements and Invitation for Support – *Rev. Brian Q. Newcomb*

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Special Music – *Tim Williams & Lyn Morton*

"Lamb of God" Twila Paris, arr. by Mary McDonald and Larry Shackley

Canticle: Psalm 19 (adapted from The Message and NRSV)

One: God's glory is on tour in the skies, God-craft on exhibit across the horizon.

Many: Madame Day holds classes every morning, Professor Night lectures each evening.

One: That's how God's Word vaults across the skies, from sunrise to sunset,

Many: Melting ice, scorching deserts, warming hearts to faith.

One: The revelation of God is whole and pulls lives together.

Many: The signposts of God are clear and point out the right road.

One: The life-maps of God are right, showing the way to joy.

Many: The directions of God are plain and easy on the eyes.

One: God's reputation is twenty-four-karat gold, with a lifetime guarantee.

Many: The decisions of God are accurate down to the nth degree.

One: God's Word is better than a diamond, better than a diamond set between emeralds.

Many: You'll like it better than strawberries in spring, better than red, ripe strawberries.

One: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Many: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

Call to Confession –

Unison Prayer of Confession – **Gracious God, we acknowledge that when the going gets rough, we begin to assert ourselves and our own needs, and we pull back from community. Like the Israelites in the desert, we murmur and complain; we criticize and blame; and turn to golden gods of our own making. In your compassion, forgive us; help us, through the grace of Jesus Christ, to maintain our unity of purpose and commitment even in the wilderness days. For it is in Christ's name that we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon –

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayers and Lord's Prayer –

Hymn – "God of Grace and God of Glory"

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

- 1. God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;
Crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.**

- 2. From the evils that surround us and assail the Savior's ways.
From the fears that long have bound us—free our hearts for
faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
For the living of these days.**
- 3. Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control.
Shame our reckless, selfish gladness, rich in things but poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, make our broken spirits whole,
Make our broken spirits whole.**
- 4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the search for your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,
Serving you whom we adore.**

Scripture –

Hebrew – Exodus 20: 1 – 7

Epistle – 1 Corinthians 1: 18 – 25

Gospel – John 2: 13 – 22

Sermon – “Good Trouble; Turning Over Tables for the Sake of Love”

Benediction/fare thee well until next time –

Closing Music – “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” Trad. Spiritual, arr. by Teresa Wilhelmi

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