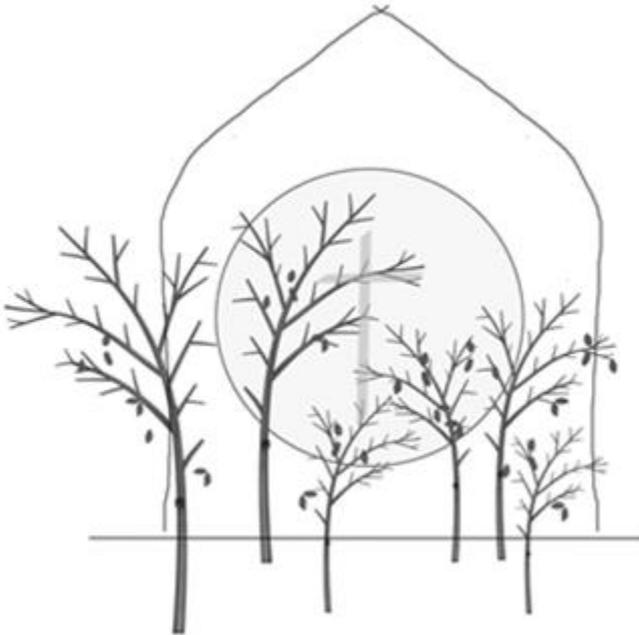


AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**2nd Sunday in Lent**  
**March 8, 2020 | 11:00**

*As a courtesy, please silence cell phones before worship.  
A “+” indicates all are invited to stand in either body or spirit.*

# WE GATHER

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE!

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: All are welcome here.

**All: The young and old, those who have visions  
and those who dream dreams.**

One: All are welcome here.

**All: The sinner and saint, those who seek forgiveness  
and those who long for peace.**

One: All are welcome here.

**All: The hurt and the doubting, those who know the  
wilderness and those who feel lost.**

One: All are welcome here;

for you are loved by God, and this is God's house.

**All: Let us worship God. Amen.**

+HYMN 664: MORNING HAS BROKEN

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God, we give you our hearts. They are brimming with  
doubt and are saturated with fear, but we give them to you  
anyway, for you promise to love us as we are.

**All: You promise to walk with us to the ends of the earth,  
so in this moment, we promise to tell the truth.  
God, you ask us to be brave and bold,  
but we cower in fear.**

One: You ask us to love our neighbors as ourselves,  
but we hold tight to privilege and the status quo.

**All: And you ask us to risk it all to follow you,  
but we are content with the injustices at hand.  
Forgive us for our sin and lift our eyes to you.  
Lift our eyes to the hills. Gratefully we pray, amen.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy, have mercy on us.**

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PASSING THE PEACE

One: “Begin again,” life whispers in my ear.  
Some days are beginning days.  
Some days are designed to be the day we try again,  
and on those days— God is cheering for you.  
That’s just the way God and beginnings work.

**All: For when my heart is broken and my life is in pieces, or  
when I lose sight of the person that I am called to be,  
from out of wilderness the voice of God sings to me,  
“begin again.”**

One: So know you are forgiven and “begin again,”  
empowered by the peace which only Christ can bring.  
Let us share the peace with one another.

*“Due to flu season and the danger of other transmittable viruses,  
some are uncomfortable shaking hands. Please respect their wishes  
and show community with a smile or a nod.”*

+SUNG RESPONSE: AMAHORO

Tracy Howe

*"Let peace flow between us!"*

## WE GROW

### WEE WORSHIP

ANTHEM: I WILL LIFT MINE EYES TO THE HILLS

David N. Childs

DRAMATIC SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:1-12 & 16-17

CHORAL RESPONSE: DE NOCHE

Jacques Berthier

*By night, we hasten in darkness, to search for living water,  
only our thirst leads us onward.*

MESSAGE

*“Still Something Missing”*

Rev. John Dillon

+HYMN 291: SPIRIT, SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 debts, 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.**

OFFERING: HE BECAME POOR

JL Bell

OFFERING RESPONSE: TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM

GTG 698

**Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## WE GO

+HYMN 3: WOMB OF LIFE AND SOURCE OF BEING

+SENDING

*We gather in grace, we grow in grace, we go in grace...  
The journey continues in an ever-widening circle of grace.*

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FLOWERS are given by **Lisa Krchak** in memory of her mother, Dorothy Krchak, who would have celebrated her 100th birthday on March 4th.

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