

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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2nd Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2020 | 9:00

*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.

+MORNING HAS BROKEN

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+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.**

+SUNG RESPONSE: *LAMB OF GOD*

Gary Rand

One: Lamb of God, with love poured out
you suffer with the world,
have mercy, have mercy.

**All: Lamb of God, with love poured out
you suffer with the world,
have mercy, have mercy.**

+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

I LIFT MY EYES UP

Sonic Flood

DRAMATIC SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:1-12 & 16-17

MESSAGE

“Still Something Missing”

Rev. John Dillon

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: *O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO*

Robby Seay

OFFERING RESPONSE: *TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM*

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**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

+*WILDERNESS*

Jeremy Camp

+SENDING

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

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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