

Prelude Dr. Jonathan Spatola-Knoll

Welcome & Announcements

Virtual Check-In

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY WITH CHRIST AS OUR GUIDE

Song of Preparation

Ashes to Ashes

Ashes to ashes, from dust unto dust, the cross on our forehead, your promise, O God;

Ready us to follow, the way of your Son;

to rise from these ashes, redeemed in the fire of your love

We abide in the shadow of God's mighty arm;

for the Lord is our refuge, the Rock whom we trust

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Call-to-Worship Debe Anderson

Leader: Welcome travelers, to the journey of faith.

People: The faith journey is the best route through the land called life.

Leader: Then come and continue the quest, acting out your faith by living life to the fullest.

People: We will let our spirits soar like eagles;

Leader: taking a deep breath we will stretch ourselves to the limit like fully inflated balloons,

colorful, hopeful, ready to sail and to soar.

Leader: This is the way we worship God.

Hymn God of Day and God of Darkness

v. 1, 3, 4, 5

God of day and God of darkness, now we stand before the night;

As the shadows stretch and deepen, come and make our darkness bright.

All creation still is groaning for the dawning of your might;

When the sun of peace and justice fills the earth with radiant light

Show us Christ in one another, make us servants strong and true;

Give us all your love of justice, so we do what you would do.

Let us call all people holy, let us pledge our lives anew

Make us one with all the lowly, let us all be one in you.

You shall be the path that guides us, you the light in us burns;

Shining deep within all people, yours the love that we must learn,

For our hearts shall wander restless 'til they safe to you return.

Finding you in one another, we shall all your face discern.

Praise to you in day and darkness, you our source and you our end;

Praise to you who loves and nurtures us like a father, mother, friend.

Grant us all a peaceful resting, let each mind and body mend;

So we rise refreshed tomorrow, hearts renewed to kingdom tend.

Invocation Rev. Mark Rambo

We come before you, O God, in the shadow of the cross, grateful for your great love for us. As you came to us in Jesus to win our love and obedience, reveal yourself among us still. Give us courage to follow Jesus over rocky hills where we carry our crosses and green valleys where you restore our souls.

For we pray in the name of the shepherd whose life was laid down for the sheep. Amen.

The Written Word Genesis 9: 8-17 Debe Andersen

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."

God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Song O Jesus, I Have Promised Darrell Born

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end; Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend: I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide

O let me feel Thee near me, the world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear: My foes are ever near me, around me and within; But Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee, That where Thou art in glory, there shall Thy servant be; And Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

ENTERING GOD'S STORY

The Written Word Mark 1: 9-15 The Message

At this time, Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. The moment he came out of the water, he saw the sky split open and God's Spirit, looking like a dove, come down on him. Along with the Spirit, a voice: "You are my Son, chosen and marked by my love, pride of my life." At once, this same Spirit pushed Jesus out into the wild. For forty wilderness days and nights he was tested by Satan. Wild animals were his companions, and angels took care of him. After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee preaching the Message of God: "Time's up! God's kingdom is here. Change your life and believe the Message."

The Spoken Word

May I Have Your Attention, Please?

Rev. Mark Rambo

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Song You Are My Hiding Place

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You are my hiding place, You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. I will trust in You; Let the weak say I am strong in the strength of the Lord...... I will trust in You.

The Written Word Psalm 25: 1-10 Darrell Born

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore, God instructs sinners in the way. Leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble, God's way. All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, or those who keep the covenant and the decrees of God.

Prayers of the People

Debe Andersen & Rev. Mark Rambo

Confession

Merciful God, what a gentle and healing balm it is to come to you with our secret thoughts, our sad discouragements, and our noblest dreams, and find you here to listen, to forgive, and to renew us. We confess our reluctance to understand your will and our hesitancy to act upon it. We are quick to blame others and slow to accept responsibility for ourselves. We wish for signs of power even while we take for granted the beauty and love with which you have surrounded us. We desire some guarantee of your favor and, at the same time, shudder to think about the suffering of the cross and what it portends for us and for our world. Submerge us in your Spirit and grant us faith to perceive good arising from evil and to sense your immediate presence within the solitude of endless space...

Petition

Breathe your Spirit of life into us. We are your children, created in your image. We are frightened sometimes in this world full of risk and confusion. Sometimes things happen too fast, and we find it hard to make good decisions and choices. We need your help. Create and shape us anew. We want to be clay once more, shaped by your hand. We want to be a part of the circle of love you began in Jesus, reaching to embrace the whole world – a circle where the sick are healed, the dying are comforted, the oppressed achieve new dignity, and all live in peace. Through your Spirit, let it be! Amen.

Mission Moment

Lenten Photo-a-Day Slideshow

Stewardship of Tithes & Offerings

Hymn Jesus is Lord of All #429

All my tomorrows, all my past, Jesus is Lord of all.

I've quit my struggles, contentment at last, Jesus is Lord of all.

King of kings, Lord of lords, Jesus is Lord of all;

All my possessions and all my life, Jesus is Lord of all.

All of my conflicts, all my thoughts, Jesus is Lord of all.

His love wins the battles I could not have fought, Jesus is Lord of all.

King of kings, Lord of lords, Jesus is Lord of all;

All my possessions and all my life, Jesus is Lord of all.

All of my longings, all my dreams, Jesus is Lord of all.

All of my failures His power redeems, Jesus is Lord of all.

King of kings, Lord of lords, Jesus is Lord of all;

All my possessions and all my life, Jesus is Lord of all.

Weekly Challenge

Postlude Dr. Jonathan Spatola-Knoll

Benediction Walk Humbly • Love Completely • Live Differently

YOU ARE MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE; YOU ARE ENOUGH; YOU ARE LOVED!