

February 21st, 2021

The First Sunday in Lent

Scripture for Meditation:

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."
--Genesis 9:8-17 (NRSV)

We Enter to Worship

Prelude "Morning Has Broken"

Announcements

Call to worship:

One: Come! Let's worship God, who makes and keeps covenant.

Many: Come! See the sign of God's promise in rainbow and rhythm.

One: Come! Let's worship Almighty God!

All: Hallelujah!

Hymn "Come Thou Almighty King"

A Time for Children

We Offer our Praise and Prayers

Morning Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10

One: In you, LORD my God, I put my trust.

Many: I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

One: No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame,

Many: but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.

One: Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths.

Many: Guide me in your truth and teach me,

One: for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

Many: Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

One: Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;

Many: according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good.

One: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

Many: He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

One: All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful

Many: toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

All: Thanks be to God for his everlasting mercy!

Hymn "I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

Pastoral Prayer

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

We Attend to the Word

Sermon "Baptized Passion"

Dr. Bill Ireland
Mark 1:9-15

Hymn "O Jesus I Have Promised"

We Depart to Serve

Benediction

An Irish Blessing

Today we welcome Alexia Pantanizopoulos as our guest accompanist. Alexia has been with the Fellowship before, and we are glad to have her with us today. Welcome, Alexia!

