

February 18th, 2024
First Sunday in Lent
GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE: Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us Kathy Pagano Violin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go #480

SILENT PRAYER

CHOIR INTROIT: *Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice*

***HYMN: Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley** #2112

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: There are some journeys for which we long.

P: But the journey to the cross looks as though it will be difficult.

L: The way of discipleship and faith is difficult.

P: We would prefer something easier. We are not ready for this trip.

L: Put your hearts at ease. You are not traveling alone.

P: Perhaps we can accomplish this trip. At least we will try the first step.

Amen.

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

The season of Lent is here again, and we find that we are not ready for this journey of discipleship. So many things claim our lives and prevent us from being ready to take the steps in faith. As we look at our barriers, help us to remember that Christ is with us every step of the way. We are not alone. Christ will help lift our hearts and spirits and direct our paths. Enable us to take this journey of faith to new life with you. Amen.

ANTHEM: *Down to the River to Pray*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 9:8-17

Mark 1:9-15

***HYMN: Spirit Song**

#347

THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED

Pastor Joel Holcomb

GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

#95

***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

***HYMN: As a Fire Is Meant for Burning**

#2237

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Jesus, Name Above All Names

**Indicates standing if that is comfortable for you.*
