

The Order of Worship

FEBRUARY 21ST, 2021 AT 10:00 AM

Let the people be in silent meditation and prayer upon entering the Sanctuary.



PRELUDE God of the Sparrow

WESTMINSTER CHIMES

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Michelle Johnson

INTROIT Come and Find the Quiet Center

FIRST READING Psalm 25:1-10

***HYMN** **This is My Father's World**

This is my Father's world, to my listening
ears all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world:

I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees,
of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their
maker's praise. This is my Father's world:
he shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass
I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world:
why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King;
let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

***AFFIRMATION** Lenten Affirmation of Faith

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the
Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE This is our prayer.

This is our prayer, O God.

CHILDREN'S TIME Susan Donovan

ANTHEM It Is Well with My Soul

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 9:8-17

SERMON This is the Sign Hale Bishop

***HYMN** **O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go**

O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul
in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine
ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy
sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow thru the rain, and feel
the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING** Amen, amen.

POSTLUDE Lift Every Voice and Sing

*Congregation, please stand as able.

PSALM 25:1-10

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 he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

LENTEN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, Father, Creator; who gives us steadfast love, and shares with us our joy, Our God sustains us in our weakness, and empowers us with His strength. We trust Him. We follow Jesus Christ, God's Son. His death is our victory, His resurrection is our hope; in Him the Word became flesh; in Him we find forgiveness, renewal from failure, reconciliation from brokenness, and release from despair. We are saved through Him. We are guided by the Holy Spirit, God's presence in the world. That same Spirit calls us to be the Church, to celebrate love, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen. We are empowered through Him. We are disciples, pilgrim people. We joyfully covenant to walk together in love. To live in fellowship, in life, in death, in life beyond death. God is with us! We are not alone! Thanks be to God!

Genesis 9:8-17

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."



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