

*HYMN “Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”

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*THE BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE & TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,
And as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.*

POSTLUDE Postlude in D Minor

Georg Joseph Vogler

* The congregation may stand.

Our worship has ended; now let our service begin!

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey M. Gallagher, *Senior Pastor*

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Rev. Hannah Howe, *Pastor Emerita*

Rev. Dr. Robert J. Wright, Jr., *Pastor Emeritus*

With open minds and compassionate hearts, we seek to be God's loving hands in the world.

Service Notes...

The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of friends & family by Darrell & Cathy Wilcox.

Welcoming you this morning are (8:30): Doug & Janett Moore (10:00): John & Jean Konrad; Brenda Griswold & Jeff Neville.

Our Deacons welcoming you this morning are (8:30): Naomi Lynch (10:00): Mike Lockward. The Confirmand serving as Acolyte is (10:00) Emma Condos.

The Deacons assisting with Communion are (8:30): Naomi Lynch; Peter Brenn (10:00): Bob Stewart; Billie Ferguson; Marcia Berner; Karen Booth; Patrick Doyle; Carl Stidsen; Mike Lockward; Lyn McLeod.

The Rose of Remembrance is given to Roger and Marilyn Lentocha after Roger was hospitalized this week.

Hosting this morning's coffee hour are members of the Business Committee & Trustees.



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LENT I

March 1, 2020

8:30 & 10:00 A.M.

All are welcome to commune with us.

In our desire to make our table open to as many as possible, the grape juice is non-alcoholic and the communion bread and grape juice are gluten free.

SUGGESTED READINGS FROM PEW BIBLES: Matthew 6:1-15 & John 6:1-14

THE APPROACH TO GOD

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING “We Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

Hugo Gehrke

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The beads are gone, the pancake batter used up, the last notes of jazz no longer lingering—

Many: Our Lenten journey has begun and we have taken but a few steps toward that city on a hill with a cross looming high above it.

One: This is a journey of reflection and contemplation, a journey which began in the ashes of last year's Hosannas,

Many: reminders that the journey doesn't always go the way we planned or end up where we hoped it would.

One: And yet we journey again this year because we believe it can be different, because we believe the destination is worth it,

Many: because we know, deep down, that the destination might just be the journey, and that the journey can change us.

One: So let our journey continue with the steps we take through worship this day as we join together to worship our God.

*HYMN “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

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(Prayer request cards will be collected during the singing of this hymn)

*OPENING PRAYER

Many: We do hunger, O God, for your love, for your grace, and for the daily bread of blessing that you offer so freely to us all. And so as we begin this journey of wilderness and wandering, of restlessness and roaming, of loneliness and longing, we pray that we might feed on that bread which sustains both body and soul, that we might be nourished and renewed to continue on our Lenten journey, this day, this week, and this season ahead. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

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*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.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: "The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step," writes the Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu. Today we take the first step on our Lenten journey; so may it be one which turns us toward God in prayer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Many: **Holy God, we do turn to face you now in prayer, and yet we confess that we don't make this turn often enough, and even when we do, we don't always know what to say nor do we always believe that you are listening and ready to answer. Forgive us, we pray. And offer us that bread of blessing that you promise will give us all we need to journey a few steps further down this Lenten road. We pray this along with all the prayers we bring before you now, in this silence**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Like bread broken and offered freely, so is God's love and forgiveness offered generously. So let us feast on the gift it is and say: **Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:00)

SENDING FORTH HYMN (10:00) "Go, My Children, With My Blessing" (vs 1) purple #547

*Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing- you are my own.*

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (unison)

Eternal God, in the reading of the scripture, may Your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may Your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may Your Word be shown. Amen

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS The Gospel of Matthew 14:13-21
The Gospel of Luke 11:1-3

NT P.16
NT P.72

SERMON "Give us each day our daily bread"

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey M. Gallagher

MOMENT OF MUSICAL REFLECTION

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS, PASTORAL AND LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

**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.**

OFFERTORY (8:30) "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" Ronald Arnatt
(10:00) "Put Peace into Each Other's Hands" Fred Kaan & David Schwoebel
(Christa Berezowskyj, violin)

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE COMMUNION HYMN vs.1-4 (please be seated)

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THE INVITATION

One: Luke the evangelist wrote of our risen Savior, who at the table with two of the disciples, took bread and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

Many: **In company with all believers in every time and beyond time, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.**

One: Brothers and sisters in Christ...

THE COMMUNION PRAYER & THE SANCTUS (sung)

*Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.
My heart is glad to say the words: you are Holy, Lord!*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP (all partake together)

One: Take and eat, the body of Christ broken for you.

One: Take and drink, the cup of the new covenant, poured out.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of your son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.