



Sunday Worship
March 8, 2020
10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday in Lent

Our Mission:
Growing in Spirit
Living as Disciples
Serving God's World



Preparation for Worship

“When we become too sure of what we know about Jesus...when we believe that we have grasped him at last, that is when we can perhaps expect to be undone like Nicodemus.”

— Meda Stamper

Prelude

Paul Heins

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the friendship register

We Gather in God's Name

† Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

† Praise Song

Give Us Clean Hands

Praise Band

Call to Worship

Leader: As God called the people of Israel to witness a new thing,

People: God invites us to trust the new path before us.

Leader: As Jesus invited Nicodemus to be born again,

People: Christ invites us to become a new creation.

Leader: As the Spirit blows like the wind, wild and free,

People: God calls us into the wilderness to re-orient our lives.

Leader: Let us worship God.

† Hymn #645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

† Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We cling to our own knowledge and pride, though we know they are not what you ask of us. We do not understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to the vulnerability of change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

† Response #434

Restore in Us, O God (verse 1)

Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;

Renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.

† Assurance of Forgiveness

One Voice: Friends, if God is for us, who can be against us? God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Believe the good news—in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Many Voices: Thanks be to God!

We Proclaim God's Word

Anthem *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain* Shackley
Chancel Choir

Children's Message

Scripture Lesson Numbers 21:4-9
John 3:1-17

† Hymn #292 *As the Wind Song*

Sermon *Wilderness Womb* Rev. Katie Murchison Ross

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Beautiful Things* Gungor/Gungor
Praise Band

† Response #409 *God is Here!* (verse 4)

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
Keep us faithful to the Gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive:
We, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

† Prayer of Dedication Glenda Etchison

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

We Depart To Serve God

† Parting Hymn #462 *I Love To Tell the Story*

† Charge and Benediction

Postlude Paul Heins



*The Flowers are given by
Marty Post and Alan Goldstein*

In Honor of Mary Post

Your greeter today was Claire Manger.

Does an idea for a children's message cross your mind occasionally? Let Pat Ferrell know so she can arrange for you to lead children's time in worship. It's only a few minutes and can be supported by the AV Team!



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IF YOU ARE VISITING TODAY - We are very glad you chose to worship with us! Please sign our friendship register so that we can greet you by name and call on you if you desire. If you need help, please call on an usher for assistance.

ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOMED IN WORSHIP - Please ask an usher for a Worship Bag. For infants through 3-year-olds, our Nursery is downstairs in Room 5.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP - Children through 3rd grade have their own worship time following the Children's Message in the sanctuary. Please pick children up following worship—K-3rd graders will be in Room 14, and younger children in Room 5.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/YOUTH - Classes for 5-year-olds through adults are offered at 9:15 a.m. from the second Sunday in September to the third Sunday in May. Please check the Youth bulletin boards in the main-level hallway to see the Youth schedule.

PLEASE ASK ANYONE FOR HELP OR DIRECTIONS!