

Order of Worship – Sunday, February 21, 2021

PRELUDE “Take My Life and Let It Be” Louis J. Harold Catalina Daggett

CHIMES

OPENING PRAYER Landes Dung

O God of our salvation, we come before you on this beginning of the season of repentance and reflection, of turning and returning. May we trust in your mercy, seek the reign of Christ in our lives and rely upon the Spirit's power. Through Jesus Christ, who is the path homeward to you. Amen

OPENING SONG “Love the Lord Your God” Landes and Cassel Dung

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Allison

PRAYER SONG “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” Landes and Cassel Dung

PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor Allison

How can it be, O God, that as we gather here today, it is the first Sunday in Lent? How can it be that we walk with Jesus toward Jerusalem when it seems that only a few weeks ago, we were gathered together in wonder in the stillness of a stable? We realize how quickly time passes. During this Lenten journey, let us strive to live each moment to the fullest. When we are tempted to squander our time in foolishness, turn us instead to spending it wisely. When we find ourselves looking back at the past with regret, turn us around — not to thoughts of the future but to the present moment, walking purposefully in the present and in your presence. When we are of a mind to hold onto a grudge and withhold forgiveness, keep us centered in your love, gracious God, that we might be able to share the gift of your love with each person we meet. Keep us mindful that Lent is a journey; we pray that the grace of God will lead us home through Christ our Lord.

Christ, we pray for those who are sick, in the hospital, recovering at home, or facing procedures....

We pray for those who mourn, asking for the Holy Spirit to comfort them and remind them of the hope we have in You....

We pray for those who are traveling. See them safely home....

We celebrate with those who celebrate....

We pray for our first responders, health care professionals, and our spiritual leaders....

We lift up these prayers to You, as well as spoken prayer requests and unspoken prayers of our people....

Silent prayer

We pray in the name of our Savior who taught us to pray, saying...

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 have trespassed against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SERMON “How Far Will You Go?” Pastor Allison
Luke 10:25-42

CLOSING SONG “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” Praise Band

OFFERING PRAYER Pastor Allison

Merciful God, remembering Jesus Christ, who bore our sins, we bring these tokens of our gratitude. We would die to sin and live righteously, in thanksgiving for Christ's sacrifice for us. Grant that we as a church of generous and joyful people use these offerings in ways that reflect renewed discipleship. Amen.

Pastor: Where will we go and who will we be?

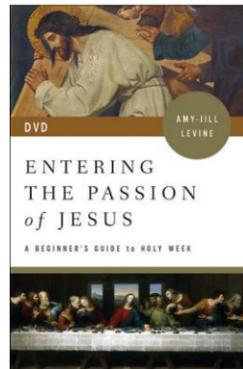
All: We go out into the world to be God's people.

POSTLUDE “O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair” William Knapp Catalina Daggett

Church Council Meeting following Worship today

Bible Reading for the week of February 21-28

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| February 21 | Luke 10:25-42 |
| February 22 | Leviticus 19:13-18 |
| February 23 | Luke 11:1-28 |
| February 24 | Luke 11:29-54 |
| February 25 | Luke 12:1-21 |
| February 26 | Luke 12:22-40 |
| February 27 | Luke 12:41-59 |
| February 28 | Luke 13:1-9, 31-35 |



This Lenten season, dive deep into the history of Jesus' last days before his crucifixion.

Jesus' final days were full of risk. Every move he made was filled with anticipation, danger, and the potential for great loss or great reward. Jesus risked his reputation when he entered Jerusalem in a victory parade. He risked his life when he dared to teach in the Temple. His followers risked everything when they left behind their homes, or anointed him with costly perfume. We take risks as we read and re-read these stories, finding new meanings and new challenges.

In *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story. She shows us how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience.



We begin our journey through Jesus' final days with two options – our regular **Wednesday night at 6 PM** and a new time, **Monday at 11:30 AM**. We will meet on Zoom and the link will be emailed each week.



We are now setup for **online giving**. You can go to the App Store on your phone and download the app or go to our website and click on the Give button at the top of our home page. I used this and it is an easy way to pay your donations. If you have any questions, please call the office.

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