

February 18, 2024  
First Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

“Reverie”

Debussy

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

From water to wilderness:

**God’s covenant continues;**

**God’s kingdom comes near.**

On stone and in hearts:

**God’s covenant continues;**

**God’s kingdom comes near.**

From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:

**God’s covenant continues;**

**God’s kingdom comes near.**

We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,

**for where he is, we would be also.**

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gen. 9:9-11; Mark 1:9-10; Gen. 1:2

+HYMN: GTG #157

“I Danced in the Morning”

LORD OF THE DANCE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Gen. 9:13

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ps. 25:4; Mark 1:12

God of mercy,

**we begin this Lenten season in confession.**

**We do not live according to your ways,**

**but according to our own.**

**We condone violence,**

**participate in systems of injustice,**

**and use power to our own advantage**

**at the expense of others.**

Forgive us, we pray,

**when we are tempted to follow paths**

**other than those you set before us.**

Teach us your commandments;

**help us to turn from evil in its many guises,**

**and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near.**

**In covenantal love, remember us, we pray,**

**and be for us, once more and always,**

**an ark of safety and new life.**

**In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... Thanks be to God for this good news!

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

1 Pet. 3:20-21; 1 Pet. 3:22

+ Those who are able may stand.

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HYMN: GTG #166 “Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days” ST. FLAVIAN

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Debbie Shellenbarger

*Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Mark 1:15

OFFERTORY

“Allemande”

Bach

+RESPONSE: GTG #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Ps. 25:9

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Heidelberg Catechism*  
(Germany, 1563)

60. How are you righteous before God?

**Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.**

**Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God’s commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me.**

**All I need to do is accept this gift with a believing heart.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gen. 7:11-12; Mark 1:12; Mark 1:14-15

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 9:8-17

O.T. page 6

PSALM

Psalms 25:1-10

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

My God, I put my trust in you;

**let me not be put to shame,**

**nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame;

rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**Show me your ways, O LORD,**

**and teach me your paths.**

Let me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;

in you have I trusted all the day long.

**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,**

**for they are from everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;

remember me according to your steadfast love

and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

GTG = *Glory to God* (purple)

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**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;**

**therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

You lead the lowly in justice

and teach the lowly your way.

**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness**

**to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Peter 3:18-22

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GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:9-15

N.T. page 27

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

Holy wisdom, holy word.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“Amazing Grace! Eternal Life!”

Boyd

SERMON

“Covenant One: Noah”

Rev. Bill Pinches

+HYMN: GTG #775

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

WALK WITH ME

+CHARGE

... that God is with us and the kingdom is near.

**Amen.**

+BLESSING

... and the Holy Spirit descend upon you in blessing;  
this day and forever.

**Alleluia!**

+CHORAL BENEDICTION “My Jesus, Live in Me”

Frombach / Dengler

POSTLUDE

“Dance No. 2”

Granados

*You are invited to join us  
for fellowship and refreshments  
after worship in the Memorial Room.*

*It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.*

SERVING US TODAY

**Liturgist:** Nancy Sue MacDonald

**Greeters:** Jerry Ambrose and Vern Schrock

**Next Week’s Greeters:** Jenny Bond and Mari Nicol

**Sound:** Tami Chapman

**Livestream:** Tami Chapman

**Security:** Eva Schlenner

**Today’s flowers are given by**

Gladys Welker

in memory of

Gerald Welker

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**CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE**

**#72. *Martyrdom of James:***

In Jerusalem, the High Priest and the Jewish Council arrest James (brother of Jesus and leader of the Jerusalem church) and stone him to death. (c. AD 62)

**THE STUDY CATECHISM**

**Question 127. What is meant by the first petition, “Hallowed be your name”?**

This petition is placed first, because it comprehends the goal and purpose of the whole prayer. The glory of God’s name is the highest concern in all that we pray and do. God’s “name” stands for God’s being as well as for God’s attributes and works. When we pray for this name to be “hallowed,” we ask that we and all others will know and glorify God as God really is, and that all things will be so ordered that they serve God truly for God’s sake.

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**DAILY PRAYER**

*Book of Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2018)

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

<b>Today</b>	Adult Sunday School	11:15 am
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship (Chapel)	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth)	4:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Personnel Committee	5:30 pm
	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	

**BIRTHDAYS**

Kelli Green	Feb. 19
Issie Nielsen	Feb. 21
David Torrey, Sr.	Feb. 23

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*Rainbow*  
by John Swanson, 1974

*The fruit of the Spirit  
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,  
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.  
(Galatians 5:22-23)*