

Passing of the Peace

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace we were called as members of a single body in Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.



Children's Message

Anthem "A Lenten Prayer" Hal Hopson

Scripture Exodus 16:1-30

Sermon "Enough for the Journey" Rev. Dr. Dana Sutton

*** Affirmation of Faith** Confession of 1967, 9.31

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as his reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares his labor of healing the enmities which separate us from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

*** Hymn** "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" No. 509

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

The Offering of God's People

*** Offertory Response** "Doxology" No. 606

*** Offertory Prayer**

*** Closing Hymn** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" No. 65

*** Benediction**

*** Benediction Response**

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A People of *Loving Hearts and Helping Hands*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"Go Down Moses"

Spiritual, Arr. Calvin Taylor

Opening Words

Beloved Is Where We Begin –

From Circle of Grace, by Jan Richardson

If you would enter
into the wilderness,
do not begin without a blessing.

Do not leave
without hearing
who you are:
Beloved,
named by the One
who has traveled this path
before you.

Do not go
without letting it echo
in your ears,
and if you find
it is hard
to let it into your heart,
do not despair.

That is what
this journey is for.

I cannot promise
this blessing will free you
from danger,
from fear,
from hunger or thirst,
from the scorching
of sun
or the fall
of the night.

But I can tell you
that on this path
there will be help.
I can tell you
that on this way
there will be rest.

I can tell you
that you will know
the strange graces
that come to our aid
only on a road
such as this,
that fly to meet us
bearing comfort
and strength,
that come alongside us
for no other cause
than to lean themselves
toward our ear
and with their
curious insistence
whisper our name:
Beloved.
Beloved.
Beloved.

*Hymn

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

No. 81

Call to Confession

God is faithful, leading us into freedom,
but we are conditioned to the slavery of sin.
Comfortable with the way things are,
we lose sight of the way God intends them to be.
We bring our confession before the One
who is more powerful than Pharaoh in Egypt,
mightier than the devil in the wilderness.

Prayer of Confession

**O God, our refuge and fortress,
forgive us when we fail to trust in you.
We fall to temptation;
we are swayed by false words;
we speak false words of our own.
We choose our ease and comfort
over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world.
In turning from you,
we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend.
Forgive us, we pray.
Do not let us be put to shame, O God.
Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Scripture declares
The Lord is generous to all who call on God's name.
Friends, believe the good news:
God does not turn away from us,
but desires to bring us into the glorious freedom
offered in Jesus Christ.
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
Thanks be to God!