



An inclusive and welcoming Christian community where expressing the love of God to all people is central to our worship, study, and service.
“Love one another as I have loved you.” John 15:12

First Sunday in Lent

11 a.m., February 21st, 2021

Prelude

Sacred

David Tolk

Arranged for Piano and Keyboard by Russell Gross

Words of Welcome

Leah Davis

Call to Worship

Leah Davis

God meets us in the night –
Before the sun rises,
Before the wound heals,
Before there are answers,
Before there is closure.
God meets us in the light –
Where joy is effervescent,
Where laughter is contagious,
Where flowers bloom from cracks in the sidewalk,
And where people gather around the table.
God meets us at the threshold –
At the edge of the water,
At the beginning of the wilderness,
At the start of something new,
On the edge of faith.
And if God meets us in between –
Staying with us through the wilderness.
We are not alone. God is all around.
Let us worship the God of the here and now.

Morning Prayer

Leah Davis

Hymn #452

Here I Am, Lord[†]

HERE I AM, LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have hear you calling in the
Night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will
Hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Call to Confession

Leah Davis

Silent Confession

Christmas Has Its Cradle

Whitney, Pethel

Keep, o keep us Savior ever by your side.
May our lives be ever for you sanctified.
Forty days and forty nights you were tempted, tried.
May we live so faithful until the Eastertide.

Assurance of Pardon

Leah Davis

Special Music

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Bonar, Larson

Soloist: Phil Carpenter

Based on a traditional English melody

Lesson from the Gospels

Mark 1:9-15

Leah Davis

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Sermon

"Again & Again: God Meets Us"

Leah Davis

Communion

Leah Davis

We will celebrate communion together, remembering we are connected even though we are apart. Bring your own elements to worship and remember that you are Beloved.

Musical Meditation

Amazing Grace

David Tolk

Russell Gross, piano

Invitation to Give

Leah Davis

Hymn #344

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus †

ASSAM

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have
Decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow
Jesus – no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me, the world
Behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross
Before me – no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow, though none go
With me, I still will follow, though non go with me, I still will
Follow – no turning back, no turning back

Will you decide now to follow Jesus? Will you
Decide now to follow Jesus? Will you decide now to follow
Jesus? – No turning back, no turning back.

Benediction

Leah Davis

Postlude

Oh God Beyond All Praising
Arranged for Piano and Clarinets by Russell Gross

Lloyd Larson

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