



February 21, 2021 11:00 a.m.  
*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent*  
*Online Live Streaming Service*

## **GATHERING**

### **PRELUDE**

*Antiphon III*  
Thom Miles, organ

Marcel Dupré

### **WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP**

As a part of our Lenten series 'Creating A Way Through' we invite you to be called into worship with a moment of silence and visual art. Look at the art. Notice what you notice. Invite God into your observances. Let us worship our Creator God.



This week, we invite you to look, notice, and reflect on:  
**Bruce Herman: *Meditation*, 2001,**  
oil & alkyd resin with 23kt. gold leaf on canvas and attached wood panel  
(art will be shown on screen during worship)

### **HYMN #165**

*The Glory of These Forty Days* ERHALT UNS, HERR  
(music for this hymn included at the end of the bulletin)

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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 the ark of safety and new life. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The God who made you and knows your every thought hears you now and forgives you all your sin. You have been redeemed through Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Savior. Hallelujah!

## PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

## GLORIA PATRI

#581

The musical score for the Gloria Patri is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men." The score concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

## THE WORD

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

### ANTHEM

*When We Are Tested*  
archived recording from 2019  
Chancel Choir

Young/Nash

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Danita Osborne, Liturgist

From water to wilderness: *God's covenant* creates a way through.  
On stone and in hearts: *God's covenant* creates a way through.  
From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up: *God's covenant* creates a way through.  
Loving God, help us to follow Jesus as he creates a way through...  
for where he is, we would be also. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Genesis 9:8-17

**PSALM READING**

Psalm 25:1-10

Sarah Patton & Chancel Choir

**GOSPEL READING**

Mark 1:9-15

For the Word of God in scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
For the Word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

The Rev. Nancy Ross-Zimmerman

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

1 Peter 3:18-22

**REFLECTION**



During Lent, we invite you to listen with new ears to a musical reflection.  
This week's selection is *Andante religioso* from Sonata IV (Felix Mendelssohn)  
played by Thom Miles.

**RESPONSE**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
MUSIC: Attr. Johann G. Naumann, 18th cent.

DRESDEN AMEN

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

## MOMENT FOR OFFERING

### INVITATION TO OFFERING

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

You lift us to our feet so we can walk with you, loving God, and you fill us with your gifts so we may pour them out for those around us. Take what we offer and use it in that kingdom work which strengthens the weary, feeds the hungry, and gives hope to the discouraged. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## DOXOLOGY

#606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures  
here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise  
Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## SENDING

### CHARGE AND BLESSING

### OUR BLESSING TO EACH OTHER

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**May the Lord, our gracious Father, bless you this day;  
Give you peace and hope and courage, along your way.  
May you stay within God's keeping, in your waking, in your sleeping.  
In your joy and in your weeping: God be with you.**

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# 165 The Glory of These Forty Days

1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we  
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the  
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -  
 4 Then grant that we like them be true, con -

cel - e - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, by whom all  
 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride-groom's  
 sumed in fast and prayer with you; our spir - its strength-en

things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Appropriate for singing at any time during Lent, this stately text connects Jesus' wilderness fast with the solitary testing of other prophetic souls: Moses, Elijah, Daniel, and John the Baptist. This sturdy 16th-century chorale melody formed the basis of Bach's *Cantata* 126.