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In-house and Live-stream Worship

**March 13, 2022
10:00 a.m.
2nd Sunday in Lent**

Gathering

Gathering Music

“Fire and Rain”

Music: James Taylor, 1971

Praise Band

Pastoral Welcome with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Opening Prayer with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Holy God, we thank you for this season of Lent, during which you invite us to come, to examine, to confess, to be renewed and healed. We enter this season eagerly, anticipating that, like Jesus in the wilderness, there are things which need to be lost so that better things may be found. Grant us courage to set aside easy answers and quick fixes in favor of your word that penetrates and transforms us. Enable us to see past the immediate satisfaction of our wants that we may choose instead the eternally fulfilling grace of your presence. Embolden our faith that we may trust you rather than the false and empty promises of our age. Thank you for walking this Lenten journey with us. May we emerge from it prepared to serve you with renewed passion and joy. Amen.

Song of Welcome

“Better is One Day”

Words and Music: Matt Redman

Praise Band

***Children’s Time (and released to Sunday School)**

Sharing the Word

Scripture with Heidi Kendall

2 Corinthians 4:8-11 and Mark 1:12-15 (NRSV)

Message

“The Wilderness of Challenge”

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Song of the Word

“Lord, Listen to Your Children” FWS 2207

Words and Music: Handt Hanson and Paul Murakami

Praise Band

Community Prayer with Lord’s Prayer with Dakota Koenig, Certified Lay Minister

O loving God, we've forgotten that we can bring joy to another. We are too often content to live with things as they are. We see the results around us of people who never knew love, who failed to find a welcome or a smile of acceptance.

O God, place us in your presence that we may be instruments of your love, that we might carry on your transforming and transfiguring ways. Open our eyes that we might see the world in the light of the grace of Jesus, our Guide and Savior. Amen.

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 trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Response to the Word

Special Music

“You’ve Got a Friend”

Music: Carol King, 1971

Praise Band

***Call to Offering and Action with Rev. Frank Hallock**

Invitation and Dedication: Prayer

Lord, we thank you for your faithfulness. We are so grateful that we can always count on you. Out of your abundance and great mercy, you have given us so much. And so we give you this offering today. With it we worship you and give our whole selves to you. Take it now and use it for your kingdom and your glory. Extend and multiply its reach and influence, we pray. May it be a great blessing to many. We ask all this in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

Commissioned into the World

Song of Sending

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” UMH 140

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

Music: William M. Runyan, 1923

Adam Ferrara, Organ

Benediction with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Postlude

“Amazing Grace”

Music: 19th century

Adam Ferrara, Piano

Pastors: Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw, Associate Pastor of Music and Visitation, Rev. Frank Hallock and Dakota Koenig, Certified Lay Minister

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Flowers for Birthdays, Anniversaries and Special Events - Is there someone or something you would like to recognize and celebrate? Let us know WHAT and WHEN you would like "Flowers" and Michael Beu will create a "Flower Slide" just for you. Please click on this link: <http://specialeventslides.umcvista.org/> to fill out a form in order to request the flowers.

Weekly Lenten Practices: Pray for your friends and for your enemy/ies by name. Bless them, one by one. Think of the person you most struggle to love and pray for them as a beloved child.

Weekly Lenten Practices: Unfollow or mute five social media accounts that make you feel angry, afraid, or envious.