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In-house and Live-stream Worship

February 18, 2024
10:00 a.m.
1st Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Gathering Music

Adam Ferrara

Pastoral Welcome with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Opening Prayer with Dakota Koenig, Certified Lay Minister

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 have begun this journey eagerly, anticipating that 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

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days UMH 269, Vs. 1, 4 & 5

Words: Claudia F. Hernaman

Music: USA folk melody; arr. by Annabel Morris Buchanan

Adam Ferrara

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



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Sharing the Word

Scripture with Dakota Koenig, Certified Lay Minister

[Ruth 1:18-19](#) (NRSV)

Message

Notes for the Journey

Rev. Dr. Kimberly D. Russaw, Associate Professor
of Old Testament at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Song of the Word

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley FWS 2112, Vs. 1-3

Words and Music: American folk hymn

Praise Band

Pastoral Prayer with Lord's Prayer with Rev. Frank Hallock

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

The Time for Turning

Words: Pamela Martin

Music: Craig Courtney

Chancel Choir



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***Call to Offering and Discipline** with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Invitation and Dedication: Prayer

Holy God, we bring our tithes and offerings to your altar, understanding that on the journey in Lent, we can't avoid or detour around the wilderness. It is essential that we hear Jesus call us to repentance! Bless our gifts for your unfinished kingdom work. Remind us, as we worship here, that this redemption of our lives did not come without a price; without our own repentance, we can miss the enormity of the gift Jesus gave. Knowing we cannot earn this redemption and forgiveness, this wiping clean of our ledger, we can only hope to reflect such grace and compassion in our encounters with others. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Commissioned into the World

Song of Sending

Lift Every Voice and Sing UMH 519

Words: James Weldon Johnson

Music J. Rosamond Johnson

Praise Band

Benediction with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Postlude

Praise Band

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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Announcements

Today, we welcome to the pulpit Dr. Kimberly Russaw. She is a professor of the Old Testament at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. We will also host a one-day workshop on Tuesday, February 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in our upper social hall. Light snacks provided; all are welcome.

Game Night, Saturday, Feb. 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the upper social hall. Bring your enthusiasm, snacks, and a new game, if you like. Any questions, call Loretta Pierce.

Youth Happenings...Youth Group today from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. See John Giard with any questions.

The **Call to Offering and Discipline** highlights our response to God's sacrificial grace through our commitment to personal discipleship and financial support. Each week during Lent we will reflect on our commitments to our faith and personal relationship with God through prayer, alms giving, repentance and reflection. Our local congregation and United Methodist connection live our faith in many ways by supporting the ministries in our building and into the world. Your giving starts here and is multiplied by God. Thank you for your commitment and care.

Giving thanks for your Support and Contributions: You are essential to all we do for Vista and beyond. Please consider making a financial contribution to the ongoing work of this faith community. Your monetary gifts can be dropped in the offering box, put through the secure mail slot near the office or use your credit card at the Scrip table. Thank you!



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