

March 1, 2020 First Sunday in Lent 9:45 AM

PRELUDE John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal

SHARING OUR FELLOWSHIP Dan Griset

INTROIT *Lord of All Goodness* Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Keni Cox, Liturgist

One: Welcome travelers to Lent and the ongoing journey of faith. The spiritual journey is the most rewarding route through the land called life.

Many: **We are here to continue the quest, living out our faith by embracing life in all its richness.**

One: For everything there is a season, a time for every matter under heaven; a time to arrive and a time to leave. May we have wisdom to know when.

Many: **In this season of Lent, we remember Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, knowing how challenging and demanding it was for him.**

One: Let us consider where we are in our spiritual journey and draw strength one from another, as we worship together in Spirit and in Truth.

Prayer: **With our minds, we follow the Spirit of Truth; with our hands and feet, we recommit to justice and reconciliation; with our hearts we follow the passions of our brothers and sisters; with the wings of the Spirit, we embrace prayer and meditation. May our minds be open, our hands strong, our hearts gentle and our spirits sing that our worship will transform us. Amen.**

OPENING SONG *In the Midst* Page 391
(please stand if able) *of New Dimensions* vs 1-3
Please greet those around you after the song, then be seated.

WORDS OF WELCOME Pastor Mike Holland

ANTHEM *Come to the Music* Chancel Choir
By Joseph Martin

CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT with Pastor Mike

CHURCH SCHOOL Children & Youth excused to classes
Go, our children, with our blessing, God's light to be. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here the Spirit's power filled you, here with tender comfort stilled you. Go, our children, with our blessing, God's light to be.

MORNING PRAYERS
Sharing Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

(Feel free to address God in the manner of your choosing: Father, Mother, Creator, etc.)

Our God, 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Quiet Meditation

READING John 16:4-7, 13a

⁴I have said things to you so that when the hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. "I did not say these things to you from the start, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to the One who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" ⁶Because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you a truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send the Spirit to you.

^{13a}When the Spirit of truth comes, she will guide you into all truth;

MESSAGE

When the Time Comes;

The Challenge & Promise of Saying Farewell

Pastor Mike Holland

HYMN OF COMMUNION *Come, Just as You Are*

(Please stand if able)

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

All worshipers are invited to participate. We partake of the bread as it is passed, then hold the cup so that we may drink as "one" at the direction of the pastor.

Invitation

Pastor Mike Holland

Meditation & Prayer

Jim Cox, Elder

Words of Institution and Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Known to us now, through the gift of Your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and drinking from the cup; renew the Divine image within us; restore our trust in truth, justice, community and love; and refresh our spirits for caring service. Amen

A TIME FOR GIVING

(Online giving is an option through churchofthefoothills.org)

Offertory

John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal

Receiving of Gifts (please stand if able)

Give thanks with a grateful heart,

give thanks for the Holy One,

Give thanks because God's given so much love to us.

(repeat)

(ending) Give Thanks!

BENEDICTION

Pastor Mike Holland

CONGREGATIONAL/CHORAL RESPONSE

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

(Repeat)

POSTLUDE

John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal