

First Sunday in Lent
February 26, 2023—8:30am



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Our Mission Statement:

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

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Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.
+ Please stand as you are able.

+ Gathering +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

“Out in the Wilderness” arr. Morgan Hatfield

+ Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, **we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, ✚ forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power. **Amen.**

+ Gathering Song

“Graves to Gardens”

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade are never enough
Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

Refrain: Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than You

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws, Lord You've seen them all, and You still call me friend
'Cause the God of the mountain is the God of the valley
And there's not a place Your mercy and grace won't find me again

You turn mourning to dancing, You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory, You're the only one who can
You turn graves into gardens, You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways, You're the only one who can

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+ Prayer of the Day

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+ Word +

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

+ Gospel Acclamation

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+ Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

Young at Heart Message & Sermon

The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

+ Song of the Day

“God Will Make a Way”

Refrain:

God will make a way, where there seems to be no way
He works in ways we cannot see; He will make a way for me
He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side
With love and strength for each new day;
He will make a way, He will make a way.

By a roadway in the wilderness, He'll lead me, and rivers in the desert will I see. Heaven and earth will fade, but His Word will still remain.
He will do something new today.

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+ Nicene Creed

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+ Prayers of Intercession

sung refrain: “Sanctuary”

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

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+ Peace

+Meal+

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

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Checks can be also be sent to church:
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+ Offering Prayer

+ Great Thanksgiving

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+ Thanksgiving at the Table

+ Lord's Prayer *(sung)*

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+ Invitation to Communion

Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace

When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.

Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors. If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.

Communion Song

Bread for the Journey



1, 5 Give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.
2 Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.
3 Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.
4 Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home.



Give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.
Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.
Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.
Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home;



When our legs are get - ting heav - y, and we're hang - ing down our heads,
With so ma - ny roads be - fore us, where to go is hard to say.
All the walls we've built a - round us: may we learn to tear them down.
where we'll live with all cre - a - tion, find our place and nev - er roam.



give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.
Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.
Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.
Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home.

Text: Bret Hesla

Music: BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY, Bret Hesla

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+Sending+

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Announcements

+ Sending Song

“No Longer Slaves”

You unravel me, with a melody. You surround me with a song
Of deliverance, from my enemies 'til all my fears are gone

Refrain: I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God

From my Mother's womb, You have chosen me.
Love has called my name
I've been born again, into your family. Your blood flows through my veins

Oh, oh, whoa-oh, oh. Oh, whoa-oh, oh.
Oh, oh, whoa-oh, oh. Oh, whoa-oh, oh.

You split the sea, so I could walk right through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me, so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God
You split the sea, so I could walk right through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me, so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God, I am a child of God
Yes, I am a child of God. Yes, I am a child of God.

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+ Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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