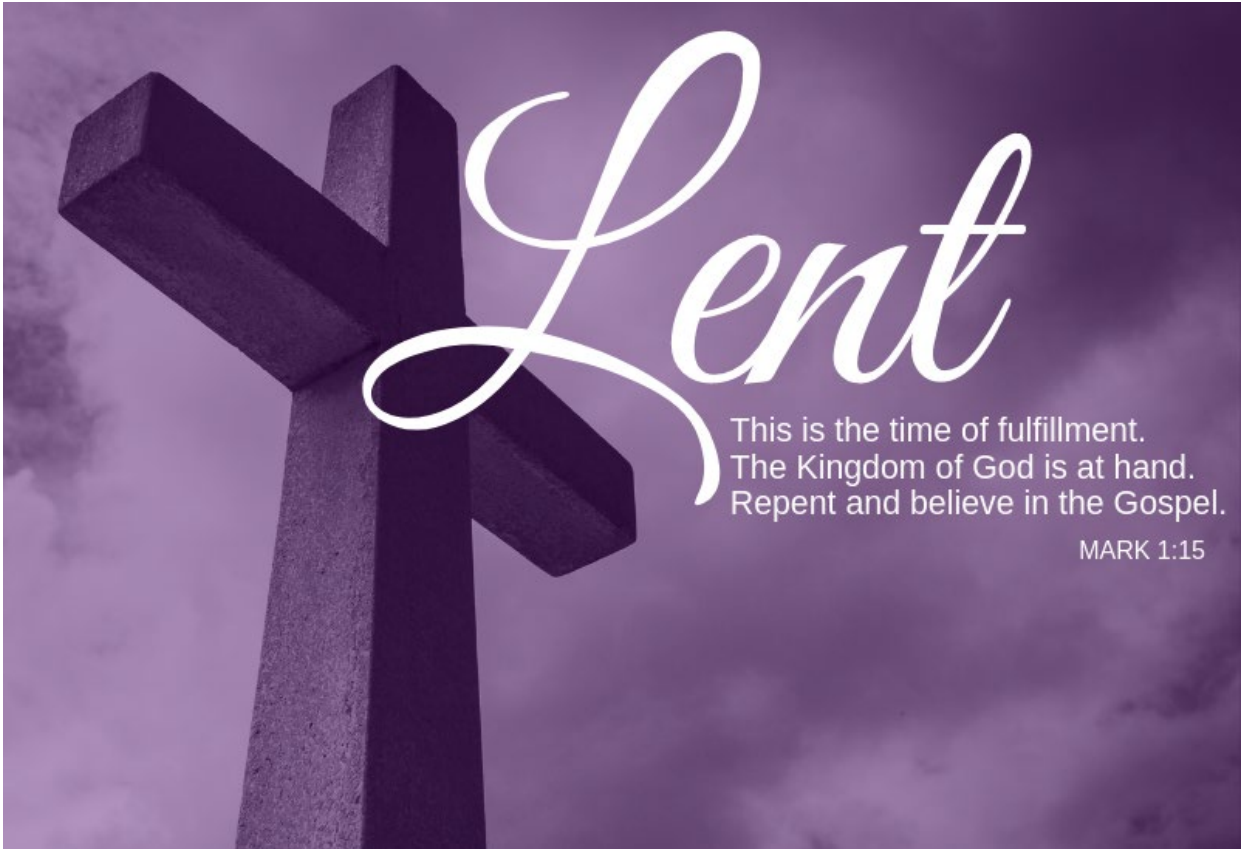


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**Lent 1 Evening Worship with Communion**

March 1, 2023

7:00 PM

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*As we gather. . . We are called by the grace of God who gave us His son to show His love for the world and His willingness to come to the earth and dwell among us.*

## WELCOME

### + CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 121)

Lift up your eyes, people of God!

**We look to the hills, we stare into the desert, we gaze at the horizon—  
where is our help?**

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**We will lift up our eyes, and follow God's way.**

Come, Let us worship the Lord.

**Amen.**

### + HYMN

*Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days (Verse 1,3)*

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## OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and ever living God,

you invite us deeper into your world, your people, your Lent.

May this time be one of outward focus;

seeking you in those we often ignore.

Help us live a Lent focused on freedom, generosity, and encounter.

Give us hearts hungry to serve you

and those who need what we have to give.

**Amen.**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Dear Father, we confess before you that we have sinned; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. With faith and hope, let us confess our sin as we pray together. . .

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**In this season of Lent, O God, unsettle us.**

**Increase in us that sense of gnawing that arises**

**from the imbalance between our lives and**

**the life to which you call us, and**

**transform us in newness of your spirit.**

**Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts.**

*(Time of Silent Confession)*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(Romans 4:20-25)*

Faith was reckoned as righteousness...to us who believe in the One who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,

**who was handed over to death because of our sins and was raised for the sake of our righteousness.**

Hear and believe these words about God's amazing grace, grace experienced through Jesus' sacrificial love, as forgiveness of sins. Amen.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Dear God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened.

**Amen.**

## **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**          *Philippians 4:6-7 NRSV*

<sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **SILENT MEDITATION**

### **+ HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

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## **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Instructions: Please come by way of the center aisle when an usher indicates. All the bread is gluten free. Please partake of the elements when you receive them, and dispose of your cups in the baskets provided. If you cannot come forward, a server will bring communion to you in your row.*

## **INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

## **GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They shall perish, but you will endure. You are always the same and your years will never end. You made us in your image and called us your people, but we turned from you leaving sin and death to reign. Still you loved us and sought us. In Christ, your grace defeated death and opened the way to eternal life. And now let us join together in the prayer Jesus taught us, praying together. . .

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Music during Communion      *We Gather Here in Jesus' Name*      510

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

+ **SENDING HYMN**      *Bless the Lord*      544

*Note: This refrain based on Psalm 103:1 comes from the Taizé Community and is meant for repeated singing. To "bless God's holy name" (which could not be spoken by observant Jews) is a reminder to be grateful even for what we cannot comprehend, trusting that God's providence will show us "the path of life" (Psalm 16:11).*

+ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*Please leave prayerfully and in silence.*

+ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Wednesday Night Lenten Soup Dinner 6:00 PM

Lenten Worship with Communion 7:00 PM

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM

Praise Team Rehearsal 8:30 PM

April 2, 2023 Palm-Passion Sunday

One worship service - Communion 10 AM

Adult/Youth Bible Study 8:45 AM

252 Kids Children's Ministry 10:15 AM

April 6, 2023 Maundy Thursday service 7:00 PM

April 7, 2023 Good Friday - Prayer Vigil 10 AM - 2:30 PM

April 9, 2023 - Easter Sunday Worship

Traditional Worship service 8:30 AM

252 Kids Children's Ministry 8:45 AM

Adult/Youth Bible Study 9:45 AM

252 Kids Club 9:45 AM

Contemporary Worship service 11:00 AM

252 Kids Children's Ministry 11:15 AM