



**February 21, 2021**  
First Sunday of Lent

## **Gathering for God**

**Prelude**

**Pianist**

**Announcements**

**Welcome/Greeting/Offering**

**Pastor**

### **Opening Prayer**

Faithful God,  
you called all creatures into being,  
and you care for each one.  
Send your grace upon your people gathered here,  
that we may follow your ways of truth,  
and walk in the paths of steadfast love,  
proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Song for Gathering**

***Come Thou Almighty King*** all vs

**Hymn 61 P/O**

## **WORSHIP: OUR GIFT TO GOD**

### **Call to Worship:**

**L:** Come, all you people, come and worship.

**P: God has made a covenant with us.**

**L:** Come, all creatures of the earth, come and worship.

**P: God has made a covenant with all creatures.**

**L:** Remember the covenant and be thankful.

God remembers the covenant and God will save us.

**Song of Worship**

***A Mighty Fortress***

**Hymn 110 vs1,2,4 P/O**

## LISTENING FOR GOD

### Pastoral Prayer

Loving, Creating God, you are in covenant with your people. You have pledged to be our God and ask us to be your people, trusting in you in all our ways. But we find many excuses to prevent us from really trusting you. We erect barriers before our faith journey even begins. Our time, obligations, energy, all become part of the bricks and mortar which fashion this barrier. We can give lip service to the journey; we can daydream about what it would be like to truly place our hands in yours and follow you. But when it comes to actually making the journey, our time constraints and weak commitments loom largely before us. Help us to tear down this barrier. Make us ready for the journey by replacing the fear in our hearts with a sense of joy and challenge of self-discovery and discipleship. Remind us that in service to you, helping others, we will also find ourselves made more fully whole. As we have spoken the names of our friends, and family members, and other situations in which healing and comfort are needed, let us remember that we, too, stand in need of prayer and healing. Make us ready to receive your good news and then to be witnesses to your love to all your people. AMEN.

### Lord's Prayer

Song of Prayer

*Spirit Song*

Hymn 347 O

Scripture

Mark 1:9-15 CEB

Sermon

**THIS IS THE SIGN**

Pastor John Huff

## COMMITTING TO GOD

Song of Commitment

*Take my Life and Let it Be all vs*

Hymn 399 P/O

### Benediction

Pastor: Go and testify to God's faithful promises.

**All: God's covenant is everlasting.**

Pastor: Go and follow God's ways.

**All: The ways of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness.**

Pastor: Go and proclaim God's good news.

**All: The time is now. Turn to God.**

Postlude

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days *Organist*  
*Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,*  
*teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.*

Praise Team Music Director & Guitarist Rick Peelle

Organist Carol Meyer Pianist Susie Lewis

Song Leaders Amanda Stainbrook & Donna Winters

Greeter: Connie Rhodus

**Please sign the Flower Chart to furnish flowers for Sunday Worship.**

**Please sign the Greeter's Chart to welcome our Church Families on Sunday Worship.**