

Centenary United Methodist Church
Our Mission: "Love God, Serve Others"
First Sunday in Lent, February 18, 2024
Liturgical color, Purple, Traditional, 11:00 am

If you are comfortable, please stand. **Bold - Join in response, **The Faith We Sing*

PRELUDE

INTROIT (*in response; Psalm 25:4-5*)

Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. AMEN.

GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN** "Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days" 269

***OPENING PRAYER** (*unison; Psalm 25:17-22*)

Relieve the troubles of my heart and free me from my anguish. Look at my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins. Guard my life and rescue me; do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. May integrity and uprightness protect me because my hope, Lord, is in you. Deliver me, O God, from all my troubles. AMEN.

***THE PASSING OF PEACE**

***PRAYER RESPONSE** "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds"

ANTHEM "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" arr. Marianne Kim

RESPONSIVE READING (*in response; Psalm 25:6-16*)

Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love

Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways

According to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore, he instructs sinners in his ways

He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

For the sake of your name, Lord, forgive my iniquity,

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. AMEN.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE; Joys and Concerns (*Adopted from the Book of Worship 395*)

God of eternity: You are present with us because of Christ's rising from the dead, and you persist in lifting us to new life in him. We bring to you our prayers for this world in need of resurrection. Especially, we pray for nations and peoples in strife... (*You may voice your prayers*). Lord in your mercy.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the poor and impoverished, at home and abroad... Lord in your mercy.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those we know in particular times of distress... Lord in your mercy.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who are ill and the sick... Lord in your mercy.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the gift of life... Lord in your mercy.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who lost their loved ones... Lord in your mercy.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who follow the risen Christ and for the ministry of the church... Lord in your mercy.

Lord, hear our prayer, Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

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, the power and the glory, forever, AMEN.

OFFERTORY "You are Welcome Here" arr. Marty Parks

Offering

***DOXOLOGY** (*Sung to the tune of 95*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; AMEN.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (*unison; Connecticut prayers*)

Accept our offerings as a gift of worship to you. Multiply what we give for the effective growth of your kingdom. May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith so that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may have the strength to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. May we be filled with all the fullness of God. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE Kelly Meyer

First Lesson Genesis 9:8-17

Second Lesson 1 Peter 3:18-22

***GOSPEL READING** Mark 1:9-15

SERMON "For the Sake of Thee; He Was Tempted"

***CLOSING HYMN** "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" 2112

POSTLUDE