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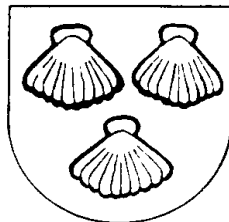
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“Come Up”

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Gathering Up

Prelude "Warfarin' Stranger" arranged by Calvin Taylor **Offered by Clarice Snyder**

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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

We Acknowledge What's Up

Gathering Song

"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" (TFWS 2112) **Praise Team**

1. Jesus walked this lonesome valley;
he had to walk it by himself.
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him;
he had to walk it by himself.

2. We must walk this lonesome valley;
We have to walk it by ourselves.
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us;
We have to walk it by ourselves.

3. You must go and stand your trial;
you have to stand it by yourself.
Oh, nobody else can stand it for you;
you have to stand it by yourself.

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Confession/Assurance

Barbara Cook

Leader:

Let us pray together:

ALL: Loving God, we come before you needing to feel lighter.

We are weighed down with expectations and difficult news.

Sometimes it is our own doing that weighs us down.

**In this moment of quiet, we lift up to you
those things we'd like to give up for good...
for the sake of The Good.**

Meditative Moment

Barbara Cook

Psalm 25

Response: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

Glory to God, Amen!

Passing the Peace of Christ

Barbara Cook

Response: As a people forgiven and freed,
we reach out to lift others up, offering the peace of Christ.
Peace be with you!
And also with you!

***Opening Hymn**

“Lord, I Want to Be A Christian”

UMH 402

1. Lord I want to be a Christian
In my heart in my heart
Lord I want to be a Christian
In my heart (in my heart)
In my heart (in my heart)
In my heart (in my heart)
Lord I want to be a Christian
In my heart (in my heart)

2. Lord I want to be more loving
In my heart in my heart
Lord I want to be more loving
In my heart (in my heart)
In my heart (in my heart)
In my heart (in my heart)
Lord I want to be more loving
In my heart (in my heart)

3. Lord I want to be more holy
In my heart in my heart
Lord I want to be more holy
In my heart (in my heart)
In my heart (in my heart)
In my heart (in my heart)
Lord I want to be more holy
In my heart (in my heart)

4. Lord I want to be like Jesus
In my heart in my heart
Lord I want to be like Jesus
In my heart (in my heart)
In my heart (in my heart)
In my heart (in my heart)
Lord I want to be like Jesus
In my heart (in my heart)

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Filling Up

What’s Up? With Children

Edie Candee

The Word Uplifts

Scripture

Mark 1: 9-15

Barbara Cook

Anthem

“Promises”

Praise Team

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Message

“Come Up”

Rev. Patricia Abell

Holy Baptism

Rev. Patricia Abell

*Eloise Olivia Laatsch, daughter of Christopher and Kelsey Laatsch
Born April 14, 2023*

Building Up

Prayer for God’s People, Church, & World

Barbara Cook

Lord’s Prayer

Offering

Offertory

“My Tribute” (UMH 99)

Reena DeBerry, soloist

Chorus

To God be the glory,
To God be the glory,
To God be the glory,
For the things He has done.
With His blood He has saved me,
With His power He has raised me,
To God be the glory,
For the things He has done.

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***Doxology**

“A Lenten Doxology”

Praise God throughout these forty days
Praise Christ our Lord whom God did raise
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen

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Offering Prayer

Blessing for the Journey

***Closing Hymn**

“Cornerstone”

Praise Team

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Benediction

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And so now go into the world,
knowing that as a disciple of Jesus,
as a beloved child of the Holy One,
and an heir of the Holy Spirit with angels attending you,
you have all you need to be up to something.

When someone asks you, “What are you up to?”
you can respond,
“With God's help, I'm up to something good!”

Let the people say, Amen!
Amen!

Music for Movin' On Up

Postlude

"You Raise Me Up" Brendan Grah, and Rolf Lovla

Offered by Clarice Snyder

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Questions for Reflection

In some traditions, Christians are urged to "give up something for Lent." Others decide to "take on" something for Lent—a new spiritual practice, a special form of service to others, or a goal of reading Scripture daily. The Ash Wednesday readings from Matthew particularly invite us to "take on" something—justice, service to others, prayer, fasting, etc.

What might you take on for Lent as a way of deepening your faithfulness before God?

How might you grow in faith and draw near to Jesus through the forty days of Lent?

Let Jesus' three responses to the devil be your guide: (1) study Scripture (live by the Word of God; Matt. 4:4); (2) seek reconciliation with God and others (do not put God to the test; Matt. 4:7); and (3) be active and intentional about participating in the worship of your congregation (worship the Lord your God; Matt. 4:10).

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy God, as this day surrounds me like a garden with a thousand trees, give me enough knowledge to obey your commandments, and to choose the fruit that gives life: the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Where can I hide from you, O God? You have found me here, stained with the fruit of desire, shivering in the evening breeze. This is all I ask: wrap me in your mercy, and let me rest in your presence; for the sake of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

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