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March 3, 2023 9:30 am "Raise Up"

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Gathering Up

Prelude "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"; "Aria, 'Oh, Praise the Tide of Grace" arr. by Wayne Wold

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Welcome Rev Patricia Abell

We Acknowledge What's Up

Confession/Assurance Nancy Janson

Leader:

Let us pray together:

ALL: God of restoration and rebuilding, we are here today seeking resurrection and renewal for our tired and worn-out bodies and the body of this community. 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

Psalm 19

Nancy Janson

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

Nancy Janson

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

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

UMH 559

1. Christ is made the sure foundation Christ the head and cornerstone Chosen of the Lord and precious Binding all the Church in one Holy Zion's help forever And her confidence alone

2. To this temple where we call thee Come O Lord of Hosts today

With thy faithful lovingkindness
Hear thy people as they pray
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls always

3. Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants What they ask of Thee to gain What they gain from Thee forever With the blessed to retain And hereafter in Thy glory

Evermore with Thee to reign

4. Laud and honor to the Father Laud and honor to the Son Laud and honor to the Spirit Ever three and ever one One in might and one in glory While unending ages run

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Filling Up

What's Up? With Children Donna Benson

The Word Uplifts

Scripture John 2:13-22 Nancy Janson

Hymn "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" **UMH 427**

- 1. Where cross the crowded ways of life Where sound the cries of race and clan Above the noise of selfish strife We hear Your voice O Son of Man
- 3. From tender childhood's helplessness From woman's grief man's burdened toil From famished souls from sorrow's stress Thy heart has never known recoil
- O Master from the mountainside
 Make haste to heal these hearts of pain
 Among these restless throngs abide
 O tread the city's streets again

- 2. In haunts of wretchedness and need On shadowed thresholds dark with fears From paths where hide the lures of greed We catch the vision of your tears
- 4. The cup of water given for you Still holds the freshness of your grace Yet long these multitudes to view The sweet compassion of your face
- 6. Till all the world shall learn your love And follow where your feet have trod Till glorious from your heaven above Shall come the city of our God

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Message "Raise Up" Rev. Patricia Abell

Building Up

Prayer for God's People, Church, & World

Nancy Janson

Offering

*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

Holy Communion

Music During Communion

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

UMH 614

1. For the bread which you have broken For the wine which you have poured

2. By this pledge that you do love us By your gift of peace restored

For the words which you have spoken Now we give you thanks O Lord

3. With our sainted ones in glory Seated at the heavenly board May the church that's waiting for you Keep love's tie unbroken Lord

By your call to heaven above us Hallow all our lives O Lord

4. In your service Lord defend us In our hearts keep watch and ward In the world where you have sent us Let your kingdom come O Lord

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Blessing for the Journey

*Closing Hymn

1. I want a principle within of watchful, godly fear, a sensibility of sin, a pain to feel it near. I want the first approach to feel of pride or wrong desire, to catch the wandering of my will, and quench the kindling fire.

"I Want a Principle Within"

2. From thee that I no more may stray, No more thy goodness grieve, Grant me the filial awe, I pray, The tender conscience give.
Quick as the apple of an eye, O God, my conscience make; Awake my soul when sin is nigh, And keep it still awake.

 Almighty God of truth and love, to me thy power impart;
 the mountain from my soul remove, the hardness from my heart.
 O may the least omission pain my reawakened soul, and drive me to that blood again, which makes the wounded whole.

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Benediction

Rev. Patricia Abell

UMH 410

And so now go from this holy dwelling place, ready to encourage and raise your neighbors up from a foundation built on grace, holding fast to the vision for God's kin-dom on earth, knowing that 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

"Fanfare and Trumpet Tune 'Oh, Praise the Gracious Power'" arr. by Wayne Wold

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Questions for Reflection

The third Sunday of Lent focuses on the gift of God's law (Exod. 20:1–17). John Calvin (1509–1564) described three uses for the Ten Commandments: <u>First</u>, they show us how to live before God and neighbor, and expose our sins in failing to live as God intends. <u>Second</u>, they instruct our civic or common life, showing us how to live responsibly in the freedom God gives. <u>Third</u>, rather than show us what we must do in order to receive God's grace and love, the commandments show us how we should live because we are a people who have already received God's grace and love in Jesus Christ.

Does God's law restrict or enhance our freedom as human beings?

Household Prayer: Morning

God of heaven and earth,

I listen this morning for the sound of your glory:
in the songs of birds, in quiet conversations that begin the day,
in easy laughter among friends,
in sunlight's warmth, pattering rain, or silent snowfall.
Give me ears to hear your glory in its many forms.
Give me eyes to see your glory in its many guises.
Throughout this day, I, too, will proclaim your glory, your grace, and your love so that I may be a part of the chorus of praise that stretches to the ends of the earth.
In Christ's name I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God of freedom.

I thank you for claiming me as your ownand for setting me in the midst of the community of faith. Today the news was filled with stories of people who do not live according to your commandments, with grievous results.

Lives are shattered as your ancient tablets of stone are broken again and again.

And I struggle, too, in my own ways, to live before you and my neighbors in faithfulness, generosity, and love.

As the day comes to an end, I pray for forgiveness for myself and for this weary world, confident of your grace and mercy.

Send your gift of Sabbath rest,
and let me sleep in peace as, over and around me, night declares to night your power and glory.

In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

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