

The First Sunday in Lent  
With Communion  
March 1, 2026

**We Gather to Worship God**

**Prelude**      Variations on Vom Himmel Hoch      Johann Pachelbel

**Lighting the Altar Candles**      9:30 a.m.

**Welcome**

**Threshold Moment**

**Gathering Music** (on song sheet):    **“We are a Wilderness Wandering People”**

**We are a wilderness wandering people  
on a journey of the soul.  
May we find our destination  
in our longing to be whole.  
Our Holy God is calling to us.  
With Jesus by our side  
may compassion be our compass;  
may the Spirit be our guide,  
on The Way,  
on The Way,  
on The Way.**

**Prayer for the Path**

**God of Grace,  
we know you are with us on The Way.  
But we need sustenance in order to make the journey.  
As we come seeking peace and a place at the table,  
we find that you have already prepared and were expecting us.  
Help us to set tables of abundance  
for all who travel this journey of life,  
just as Jesus did.  
Amen.**

**\*Hymn # 707      “Come We That Love the Lord”**

Words: Isaac Watts, 1707; refrain Robert Lowry, 1867; Music: Robert Lowry, 1867

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known  
Join in a song with sweet accord Join in a song with sweet accord  
And thus surround the throne and thus surround the throne.

We're marching to Zion Beautiful, beautiful Zion  
We're marching upward to Zion The beautiful city of God

Those refused to sing Who never knew our God  
Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;  
but children of the heavenly King, but children of the heavenly King.

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion  
We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God

The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets before we reach the heavenly  
fields, before we reach the heavenly fields, or walk the golden streets, or walk the  
golden streets.

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion  
We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God

Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry; We're marching through  
Immanuel's ground We're marching through Immanuel's ground  
To fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion  
We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God

**Scripture Reading**      Psalm 37:23-27

**Choir Anthem** – “Come Share this Feast of Love”      *Lloyd Larson*

**The Sacrament of Communion**

Invitation

Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Almighty God, Creator of all that was,  
and is,  
and is to come.

You formed us in your image,  
creating all in goodness,  
asking us to walk with You in love.  
When we held back from Your invitation,  
You sought us out, encouraging us on our way, time and again.

You led those who could not see by a road they did not know.  
You have turned nighttime before them into light.  
You have smoothed out the rough places and made them plain.  
You have released the prisoners from the dungeon.  
You have made all things new.

And so,  
with your people on earth  
and all the company of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.  
Your Spirit anointed him to walk with the poor, the captive, and the oppressed  
and to proclaim freedom and abundance in your name.

On dusty paths and lakeside shores he encountered friends,  
strangers, and enemies,  
inviting them to journey with him and to eat with him.  
He offered newness of life and renewed covenants of love  
by water and the Spirit.

On the night that he gave himself up for the path of justice,  
he was at the table with his friends.  
He invited them, and he invites us,  
to pause and savor each other's company  
and the ways in which he still is present when we gather together.

And so,  
in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again!**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,  
redeemed by his blood

By your Spirit make us one with Christ's pilgrimage to the kin-dom,  
walking together one with each other,  
working together in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory  
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,  
now and forever. **Amen!**

**Communion Hymn for All Ages: "Come to the Table of Grace"** *on song sheet*

*Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of \*grace.*

*This is God's table, it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of \*grace.*

*Additional stanzas: 2 peace 3 love 4 joy 5 hope*

Words of Institution

The Bread  
The Cup

Sharing and Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Introduction to Scripture**

*Rev. Dr. Cynthia Biggar*

**Scripture Reading**    Isaiah 55:1-9

**Sermon**            “Sharing the Table Along the Way”

**Prayers of the People**

Prayers for Getting Out of Our Own Way  
(guided meditation led by Rev. Biggar)

Prayer Response (sung by David Myers-Wakeman):

**Meet me in the stillness, Lord  
Be the air I breathe  
Meet me in the stillness, Lord  
Free me to receive**

*A moment for silent contemplation and reflection*

Words of Assurance

*Rev. Biggar*

Prayer Response (Congregation, please join in)

**Meet me in the stillness, Lord  
Be the air I breathe  
Meet me in the stillness, Lord  
Free me to receive**

**Prayers for Others Along the Way**  
Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves to God**

**Offertory**    Canticle of Faith

F. Groden

**\*Doxology:    Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
                    Praise God, all creatures here below;  
                    Praise God for all that love has done;  
                    Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Gracious God, as you bless pilgrims and wanderers  
who venture forth in faith,  
so now bless us all in our living and in our giving.  
Transform our gifts and offerings  
into blessings for a weak and weary world,  
that all may touch your great love. AMEN**

**Our Faith in Action** (Church Announcements)

**\*Hymn # 546    "Amazing Grace"**

Words: John Newton, 1779; st. 4 anonymous

Music: Virginia Harmony, 1831; harm. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;

how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no  
less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

## **Benediction**

**Postlude** Processional in B-flat

A Giamanco

## **We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors**

\* Those who are able may stand.

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## **THIS WEEK\***

Today - 10:45 am, Coffee Hour

Today - Deacons Meeting 11 a.m.

Tuesday, March 3 – Tuesday Gals at 10am

Wednesday, March 4 – Bell Ringing in the Community room at 5:45 pm

Friday, March 6 – Greely Rec. Cheer Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser in Fellowship Hall

## **IN OUR PRAYERS\***

**Congregation & Community:** Sheila Babcock, Candy Burgess, Sandra and Vince Golonka, Steve Quentel, Lori Martin and Kaitlin Quentel, Holly and Charles Slonina, Susanelle Stearns.

**Wider World:** People recovering from natural disasters in the U.S. and around the world, Black Mountain Orphanage; Peace in Ukraine, Gaza, and elsewhere.  
Peace within ourselves, our families, our communities, and our world.

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