

LARGE PRINT

Worship Celebration

First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024 + 9 AM

We Gather as God's Children

Words of Welcome

Opportunities for Ministry

Prelude

Nöel from "*Esquisses Byzantine*"

Henri Mulet

+ Call to Worship

People of the covenant:

God does not remember us according to our sins and transgressions.

God remembers us according to God's own steadfast love!

The God of our salvation teaches us right paths and

Leads us in truth.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness;

We put our trust in God.

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+ Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140

Prayers of the People (Seeking & Offering Peace)

Music of Meditation & Reflection

Great is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Josh Kraybill

The Lord's Prayer

We Grow in God's Word

Leader: With disciples of every time and place,
let us listen for the word of God among us.

People: *Our ears and hearts are open.*

First Lesson - Psalm 25.1-10 (NRSVUE)

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
- 2 O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.
- 3 Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
- 4 Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.
- 5 Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.
- 6 Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
- 7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!
- 8 Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
- 9 He leads the humble in what is right
and teaches the humble his way.
- 10 All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson - Genesis 9.8-17 (NRSVUE)

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

The word of God for the people of God.

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Sermon - *A Beautiful Reminder*

Dr. Stephen J. Knisely

+ Hymn

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

UMH 480

Invitation to Give Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Choir Anthem

Kyrie Eleison from “Missa Secunda”

Hans Leo Hassler, ed. Jerry Weseley Harris

+ Doxology

(to the tune of Amazing Grace, UMH 378)

***Praise God our Maker, Christ the Son,
who came to walk this earth.
Through joy and pain he knows our life,
with Spirit, gives new birth.***

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

***God of steadfast love and faithfulness,
We are humbled as we try to do what is right
and to walk in your ways.
Receive, we ask, these offerings,
And use them for your own good purposes
In the church and in all creation.
We pray in Jesus Christ. Amen.***

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We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

Let All Things Now Living

TFWS 2008

+ Benediction

Postlude

Prelude in G, BWV 550

Johann Sebastian Bach

***Our service of worship is ended.
Our worship through service now begins.***