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LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026
6:00 PM

We welcome you to the worship of this community of faith. As we sing, pray and study God's word together may we strengthen each other's faith in the saving power of Jesus Christ. It is difficult to be a Christian by yourself.

Before the service, speak to God.
During the service, let God speak to you
After the service, speak to your neighbor.

The older hearing devices have been moved to the Narthex. They are located next to the far right entrance door to the sanctuary.

We now offer the T-Coil hearing device with the new sound system. Individuals will need to contact their provider to find out if their hearing aid is telecoil-equipped. If so, they need to ask how to turn on the T-Coil or if it is automatically linked once the loop is around their neck.

PLEASE NO PERFUME/COLOGNE… Perfume and cologne can trigger life-threatening breathing emergencies in persons with asthma, allergies and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)? Hospitals and schools are becoming 'scent-free' due to this increasing health hazard. **Please be sensitive to this concern when coming to church and refrain from using it.** Thank You.

AS WE GATHER*: Today, we journey from mountain to mountain. Mountains are amazing and awe-inspiring, but to journey through or to climb them is no easy task. When Abraham saw Mount Moriah, he was neither inspired nor amazed. His heart was filled with fear and dread, for on this mountain he had been told to provide a sacrifice: his son Isaac. It was a difficult mountain to climb. But on this mountain, the Lord God will provide. God rescued Isaac from the knife of Abraham in order that He might provide another sacrifice, a perfect Lamb without blemish or spot. Later, Mount Moriah would become Mount Zion, where the Jerusalem temple would be built. Although Jesus was sacrificed on Mount Calvary, His blood was brought to the Holy of Holies in the temple and sprinkled for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. It was a difficult mountain to climb, but the journey to that mountain leads us to the mountain of the new Zion – heaven.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

V Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; hold not Your peace at my tears!
C For I am a sojourner with You, a guest, like all my fathers.

V Thus declares the Lord of hosts: Return to Me, says the Lord of hosts,
C and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts.

V Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
C let him return to the Lord, that He may have compassion on him, and to Our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

V And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.
C they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

V Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my ` tears!
C For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.

GATHERING HYMN **We Are Exiles from the Garden**

We Are Exiles from the Garden

JOURNEY

Lisa M. Clark — Mark Knickelbein

1 We are ex - iles from the gar - den, Ban - ished by our sin - ful choice,
2 Leaves will fail our vain con - ceal - ing Our true na - ked - ness and shame.
3 On the mount, the Lord is wait - ing For the prop - er sac - ri - fice.
4 On this jour - ney we are tak - ing, We fear not what lies in store.

Ter - ri - fied to seek His par - don, Hid - ing from our Fa - ther's voice.
We must rend our hearts, re - veal - ing All our guilt and sin - ful blame.
What is worth His wrath a - bat - ing? Who could pay the dread - ful price?
Though our fee - ble wills are break - ing, We know Christ has gone be - fore.

Un - der - neath the branch - es sway - ing, Sweat and blood fall to the ground.
Je - sus takes our flesh and sen - tence As His clothes are claimed be - low.
God the Son will be the sci - on. God the Fa - ther will pro - vide.
As we walk the way com - plet - ed, On His throne, the Sav - ior waits.

In the dark - ness, Christ is pray - ing; He comes for - ward to be bound.
We fall down in true re - pen - tance; His new robe He will be - stow.
God the Spir - it points to Zi - on; There, with God, we will a - bide.
Death and hell have been un - seat - ed. We be - hold the o - pen gates!

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

V We are on a journey from a deserved exile to a gracious promised land. Although we merit nothing, because our heavenly Father promises forgiveness and mercy to all who call on Him for Jesus' sake, let us go to Him, confessing our sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

V Heavenly Father, we are fallen creatures, prone to hiding our faults from one another, yet knowing our sins are laid bare before You.
C Forgive us and clothe us with Christ's own righteousness.

V We have erred and strayed from Your way.
C Forgive us and turn our feet toward the paradise You promise.

V We have attempted to placate Your just demands by our own efforts.
C Forgive us for the sake of Your Son's sacrifice in our stead.

V We have often failed to reflect the new life You granted us in our Baptism.
C Forgive us and drown the old Adam within us.

V We have eaten "forbidden fruit" in our disobedient thinking, speaking, and acting.
C Forgive us and grant us the new life won on the tree of the cross.

V We have failed to trust Your care and protection as we journey through this wilderness.
C Forgive us and accompany us on our pilgrim way.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*together we pray):*

Holy God, You are faithful to us even when we act faithlessly. You call us and claim us even when we live as though we do not know you. Restore us to wholeness, and renew in us a commitment to following in the way of Jesus each day of our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

1st READING: Genesis 22:1-14

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he
said, "Here I am." **2** He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you
love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on
one of the mountains that I shall show you." **3** So Abraham rose early in the
morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and
his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to
the place in the distance that God had shown him. **4** On the third day
Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. **5** Then Abraham said to his
young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we
will worship, and then we will come back to you." **6** Abraham took the wood
of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the
fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. **7** Isaac said to his
father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The
fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt
offering?" **8** Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt
offering, my son." And the two of them walked on together.

9 When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar
there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the
altar on top of the wood. **10** Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the

knife to kill[a] his son. **11** But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” **12** He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” **13** And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. **14** So Abraham called that place “The Lord will provide,”[b] as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”[c]

2nd READING **John 3:16**

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

TEACHING:

“Mountain to Mountain: Mount Moriah to Mount Zion” Suzanne Haggett

WORSHIP HYMN: ***"Trust and Obey"***

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. . . made known to all nations for the obedience of faith. Rom. 16:26

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word, What a glo - ry He sheds on our way! While we do His good will He a - bides with us still,
2. Not a shad-ow can rise, not a cloud in the skies, But His smile quick-ly drives it a - way; Not a doubt nor a fear, not a sigh nor a tear,
3. Not a bur-den we bear, not a sor - row we share, But our toil He doth rich - ly re - pay; Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a cross,
4. But we nev-er can prove the de - lights of His love Un - til all on the al - tar we lay; For the fa - vor He shows and the joy He be - stows
5. Then in fel - low-ship sweet we will sit at His feet, Or we'll walk by His side in the way; What He says we will do, where He sends we will go—

Refrain

And with all who will trust and o - bey.
Can a - bide while we trust and o - bey.
But is blest if we trust and o - bey. Trust and o - bey, for there's
Are for them who will trust and o - bey.
Nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

no oth - er way To be hap - py in Je - sus, But to trust and o - bey.

TEXT: John H. Sammis
MUSIC: Daniel B. Towner

TRUST AND OBEY
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THE OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

C Through these gifts, we offer ourselves, our time and our possessions that we might keep our eyes and ears fixed on you, Heavenly Father. Use these gifts to your glory. In Jesus name, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

V We are returning from exile, listening to the inviting Word of God, full of grace and truth. Let us go to Him in confident prayer.

V Gracious God, offering full and free forgiveness,
C we come in spiritual sackcloth and ashes, painfully aware of our sins and failing. Graciously wash us and clothe us with the robe of Christ's own righteousness so that we may live eternally with all Your saints.

V Eden's Lord and ours,
C hear us and all who call out to You in pain and sorrow, sweat or tears. Remind us of Your painful victory over every temptation, and strengthen us to follow where You have led the way.

V Loving Father, calling us to Mount Calvary
C remove from us our fear of Your righteous judgement for our sins; strengthen our faith in the all-availing sacrifice of Your Son in our stead.

V Spirit of life,
C remind us again of our Baptism, in which our old Adam was drowned; strengthen us to live in the freedom of the children of God.

V Lord Jesus, Savior and Guide,
C give us the eyes of faith to see the tree of life awaiting us in heaven and guide us to follow where You have led the way.

V Protecting Father,
C assure us of Your presence on our journey through the desert of this world and bring us at last to the paradise purchased by Your Son.

V O Holy Spirit,
C nourish our faith and restore our souls each time we come to the Table of the Lord and receive His body and blood, a foretaste of the feast to come.

V Holy and merciful Lord over all,
C we feel the burden of our sin; renew in us the firm faith that Your Son has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows, giving His life for ours.

V Everlasting Father,
C our Savior has conquered death. Fill us with rejoicing, confident that we shall therefore gather around the eternal throne of the Lamb, Your Son, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING HYMN *"Now the Green Blade Rises"* ELW 379

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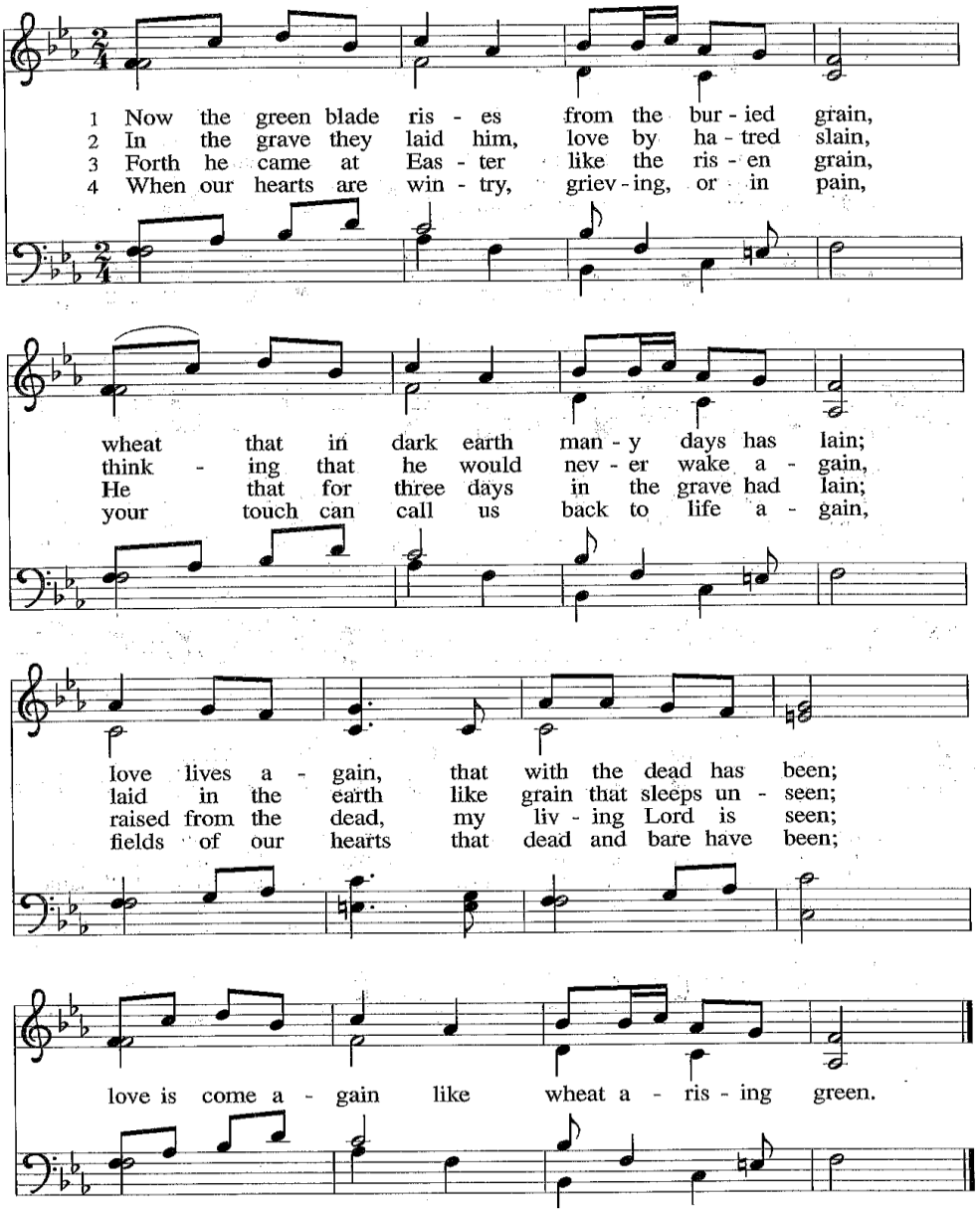

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Music: French carol
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BENEDICTION

V The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, and + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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LENTEN WORSHIP: Join us every Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m.

MARCH 11TH SOUP SUPPER: 4:30-5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall
Hostesses – Choir & Bells of Glory

Holy Week Services:

March 28	**Palm Sunday Weekend**	**Sat., 4:00 p.m.**
March 29		**Sun., 8:30 & 10:15 a.m.**
April 2	**Maundy Thursday Service**	**6:00 p.m.**
April 3	**Good Friday Service**	**6:00 p.m.**
April 5	**Easter Sunday Service**	**7:30 & 10:15 a.m.**
	Easter Breakfast	**8:00 a.m.**

There is no service on Saturday, April 4th

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