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MARCH 5, 2025
ASH WEDNESDAY

Welcome to Worship

If you are a visitor please stop at the Welcome Desk in the lower level for a visitor bag.

PREACHING: Pastor Connie Tiede

ASSISTING: Pastor Mike Pancoast

ORGANISTS: NOON - Deb Oas Koepsell

6:30 PM - Mary Jo Gothmann



Unbroken: A Living Faith

When so many people identify themselves as Christian how can we spend some time thinking deeply about what we really believe? What is the what? What are the foundational beliefs and how are they living and moving with us as we change and grow?

Faith is passed down from generation to generation - it's an unbroken line of ancestry that connects us all the way back to Jesus. The powers of the world wanted to break Jesus and yet this faith that we rest on is strong enough that they couldn't do it. We are a part of this great tradition that will not and cannot be broken.

Using the seven teachings from the emerging work of A Living Catechism, through worship and practice, this Lent we will explore how we are and always have been God's people:

- We value both Wisdom and Innovation.*
- We are Individuals with gifts and unique abilities and we are a part of a Community that is much larger than any one of us.*
- We are Rooted and Growing.*
- We are Grounded in Tradition and always Reforming.*

PRELUDE

GATHERING

Psalms 51:1-17

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance. O LORD, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

OPENING HYMN: Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling 608

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain

watch-ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me?
par - don for you and for me.

“Come home, come home!
Come home, come home!

You who are wea-ry, come home.” Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, “O sin - ner, come home!”

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847–1909
Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

GREETING:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

God of hope, you breathe into the dust of our lives and remind us of your steadfast love. Give us faith to open ourselves to pain and joy, death and life. Remind us of who we are as we join the unbroken line of the whole community of saints, from the beginning into eternity, as vessels of your love and grace. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen

WORD

LESSONS: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near—a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

GOSPEL HYMN: Restore in Us, O God 328



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944
Music: BAYLOR, Hal H. Hopson, b. 1933
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THE SERMON TEXT

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 6:1-6

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 6:1-6

"Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON: "Create" by Pastor Connie Tiede

HYMN OF THE DAY: Be Thou My Vision 793



Choir Only vs. 2 & 3 at 6:30 PM	1	Be	thou	my	vi - sion,	O	Lord	of	my	heart;
	2	Be	thou	my	wis - dom,	and	thou	my	true	word;
	3	Rich - es	I	heed	not,	nor	vain,	emp - ty	praise,	
	4	Light	of	my	soul,	af - ter	vic - to - ry	won,		



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

God of all grace, be near in the midst of our brokenness, turning us from the things that keep us from right relationship with you, ourselves, and one another. Compel us toward compassion as we confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and are strengthened to serve in your name. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

God of mercy, you delight in goodness and judge sin. Give us open and honest hearts to recognize the ways we have turned from you, from our own belovedness, and from one another. We see the world through the lens of scarcity instead of your lens of abundance. We see people as us and them instead of one body in you. We participate in the brokenness of the world, caught in webs beyond individual choices of right and wrong. Quiet our inner and outer strife, O God, and draw us into your forgiveness and wholeness. Through your divine love, transform all that threatens to destroy the good that you have created.

Beloved people of God: At a table that Jesus sets, God forgives us and feeds us with eternal love. In water and promise, God brings us to new life and breathes into us gifts to serve the world. You are forgiven, in the name of Christ †, who calls us into the coming of God's reign where all are supported, nourished, and loved. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

After each petition

Lord of the Cross...

Hear us we pray, your mercy is great.

SHARING THE PEACE:

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Share the peace with a wave and word of peace.)

MEAL

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC (6:30 PM):

“Lord, I Call to You” by Mozart, arr. Hopson
Adult Choir; Jonathan Campbell, dir; Mary Jo Gothmann, organ

Lord, I call to you, show forth your love, have mercy. Lord, hear my supplication. Blot out all my sin, wash me through and through. Send your joy, Lord, once more. Show forth your love, Lord, hear my prayer.

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When it seems the day will end, and all
light gives way to fear, we will speak your name a -
gain to re - mind us you are here.
Refrain
New life ris - ing, New life ris - ing, ash - es fall - ing, ash - es fall - ing,
joy and weep - ing, joy and weep - ing, in your call - ing. in your call - ing.

Text: Justin Rimbo, b. 1980
Music: HUMBLE WALK, Justin Rimbo
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OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Generous God, You have blessed us with gifts of abundance and joy. Open our hearts so that we may share your goodness with all who hunger for bread, for safety, and for belonging. In Christ's name we pray.

Amen.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES AND HOLY SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Imposition of Ashes

All are invited to come forward for the imposition of ashes. The imposition of ashes is a visible sign of our repentant hearts. This is an opportunity for silent reflection as God's people are reminded over and over about whose we are and what God has accomplished for us. The Great Thanksgiving is when we lift our hearts in thanksgiving to a good and generous God.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 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.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES & DISTRIBUTION

SPECIAL MUSIC

NOON: Organ music provided by Shari Albrecht

6:30 PM: "Circles" by Campbell
Ringmasters; Jonathan Campbell, dir.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER:

Gracious God, We give you thanks for the abundance of your steadfast love. As we are filled with your grace and mercy, send us out into the world to participate in your reign of peace. In the name of Christ, the holy one, we pray

Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

May the God who delights in your goodness bless you, keep you, and hold you in the depths of love and mercy. In the name of the Triune God.

Amen.

1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
 2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
 3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
 where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
 Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
 Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,

and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
 for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
 and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite
 Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune; arr. hymnal version
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TO WORSHIP

Hearing Assistance
Units Available

*Hearing assistance units
are available at the
sound booth at the
back of the Sanctuary.*

Mobility Concerns

*We have areas in the
Sanctuary where a wheel-
chair or walker will fit.
Ushers can assist you.*

Children Welcome

*Activity bags are avail-
able outside the Sanctu-
ary. We have two "pray
grounds" in the Sanctu-
ary with plenty of places
just outside the Sanctuary
as well where children
can sit and play.*

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DISMISSAL:

Go in peace, know you are loved.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES

NOON & 6:30 PM | SANCTUARY

March 12 - Revelation 2:7, John 1:14, Isaiah 55:11

"God speaks to us through Scripture and Spirit"

Pastor Mike Pancoast - Preaching

MARCH 19 - John 1:1-5

"God becomes human for us in Jesus Christ"

Pastor Connie Tiede - Preaching

MARCH 26 - 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

"God feels our pain and suffering"

Pastor Sue Wallager - Preaching

APRIL 2 - Luke 15:11-32

"God compels creation toward mercy"

Pastor Connie Tiede - Preaching

APRIL 9 - Genesis 1:1-2:2

"God delights in our goodness and judges sin"

Pastor Mike Pancoast - Preaching

PALM SUNDAY

"God loves us Eternally"

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 | 5 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, APRIL 13 | 8, 9 & 11 AM | SANCTUARY

HOLY WEEK

"God meets us in bread, wine, and water."

Maundy Thursday, APRIL 17 | NOON & 6:30 PM | SANCTUARY

Good Friday, APRIL 18 | NOON & 6:30 PM | SANCTUARY

Easter

SATURDAY, APRIL 19 | 5 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, APRIL 20 | 8, 9:30 & 11 AM | SANCTUARY