

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

AS WE ALL CONTINUE TO NAVIGATE THESE UNPRECEDENTED TIMES, LET US CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE STRUGGLING NOW MORE THAN EVER.

THE EXETER AREA FOOD PANTRY HAS EXPERIENCED A JUMP OF 35% +/- IN NEED, AS A RESULT OF THE PANDEMIC.

OUR COLLECTION WILL RUN EACH SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY (7TH, 14TH, 21ST AND 28TH).

ALL DONATIONS WILL BE COLLATED AND PACKED FOR DISTRIBUTION BY OUR '20/'21 CONFIRMATION CLASS, AND THEN FOWARDED TO THE PANTRY.

Soup (canned, packaged, ramen etc...) is needed.

God's Work...Our Hands

DROP-OFF BARRELS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN OUR BREEZEWAY (same as the toy collection) FOR DONATIONS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH.



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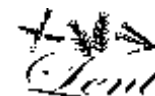
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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 2021



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK Peg Gumpert, Social Ministry / World Hunger

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE Psalm 25:6
Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

PRELUDE *My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord* Frey / Schütz

CALL TO WORSHIP — RINGING THE BELLS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our redeemer.

C Amen.

P God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ.
Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Fountain of living water,

C **pour out your mercy over us.**

Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.

Rebuild what we have ruined

and mend what we have torn.

Wash us in your cleansing flood.

Make us alive in the Spirit

to follow in the way of Jesus,

as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE

P Lord, have mercy. C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Christ, have mercy. C **Christ, have mercy.**

P Lord, have mercy. C **Lord, have mercy.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

READING Genesis 9:8-17

⁸God 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.”

HOLY GOSPEL

P The Gospel according to Mark.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Mark 1:9-15

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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NO SINGING PERMITTED / SOLOIST ONLY

ELW #326 *Bless Now, O God, the Journey* v. 1, 3

1 Bless now, O God, the journey
that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence,
the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert
and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters,
the road where faith is found.

3 Divine eternal lover,
you meet us on the road.
We wait for land of promise
where milk and honey flow,
but waiting not for places,
you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written
on roads, as faith is found.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

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WORDS TO THE HYMNS

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ELW #517 *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* v. 1, 3

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;
curb those who by deceit or sword
would wrest the kingdom from your Son
and bring to naught all he has done.

- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
send peace and unity on earth;
support us in our final strife
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

SERMON

SERMON HYMN ELW #517 *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* v. 1, 3

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

SHARING THE PEACE

*Offer those with you in body or spirit a gesture of peace,
saying **Peace be with you.***

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

A basket for your offering is available on entering or exiting.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN ELW #326 *Bless Now, O God, the Journey* v. 1,3

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

***Ushers will dismiss by pews, back to front.
Allow 6' distance between people.***

POSTLUDE *Here I Am, Lord* Schutte

Prayers for those with immediate concerns

Zena Burkert	John D'Angelo	Pat Grim
Susan Kircher	Becky Thren	Geri Wagner
Nate Woodford	James Kohler, Sr.	Pr. Tom Lang
The family and friends of Pastor William (Bill) H. Weiser in their grief		

Worship Leaders

The Rev. Dr. Steven H. Shussett, Pastor
Ben D'Annibale, Music Director
Walt Smithson, Usher Team Captain
Peg Gumpert, Assisting Minister
Sally Kennedy, Carillonneur
Barry Hoover, Soloist
Tim Morgan, Zoom Master

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Circle Link: <https://youtu.be/uskR5-9mAA0>

Apologies for the poor quality of the video: the room had to be dark during recording.

We thank Barry Hoover for serving as our soloist this morning.

The **altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by Diane Hafer, Heather Hafer, Stephanie Hafer Shaak and Jill Hafer in loving memory of husband and father, Scott Hafer.

The **bulletins** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by 1) Leon Kerner in honor of the birthday of his great-grandson, Hudson, and 2) by Michael and Helenann Billinger in honor of the 13th birthday of their grandson, Shauny.

BULLETIN SPONSORS—We have resumed bulletin sponsorships each week—2 sponsors per week. If you would like to sponsor the bulletins (\$14), please call the church office, 610-779-3480.

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS—We have resumed altar flower sponsorships; however, individuals must secure their own flowers from a florist of their choice. Please collect a set of the plastic vases from the sacristy and take them to your florist. Please drop off the finished vases at the church office by Thursday and inform Diane of the information for the bulletin.

REMEMBER—For everyone's health and safety, only employees of SLC should enter the church office unless an emergency situation exists. To deliver or pick up something from the church office, please contact Pastor Steve or Diane in advance so items can be put in the breezeway. Thank you for your understanding.

Please know that Pastor Steve is available to you whenever you have need, and in-person as conditions allow. You can call him at 610-295-2930 ANYTIME when there is an emergency. For the many other reasons you may have to call, the best times are Mondays, Tuesday 1-5pm, Wednesday 9-12am, Thursdays 1-5pm, and Sundays 2-5pm. If he doesn't answer, please leave a message and he'll get back to you as soon as possible.

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ELW #319 *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days* v. 1, 2, 4

- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days
you prayed and kept the fast;
inspire repentance for our sin,
and free us from our past.
- 2 You strove with Satan, and you won;
your faithfulness endured;
lend us your nerve, your skill, and trust
in God's eternal word.
- 4 Be with us through this season, Lord,
and all our earthly days,
that when the final Easter dawns,
we join in heaven's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930
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