

Our vocation is to live in the Spirit —  
to be the sons and companions of God in eternity.  
— Anthony Bloom



## We Gather to Praise God

*\* indicates those who are able may stand*



WELCOME AND SHARING NEWS



OPENING EXAMEN (silently reflect on the question below)

Is there anything right now preoccupying you from attending to God?  
(If there is, give it or release it to God in the silence or during the prelude)

ORGAN PRELUDE *O Lamb of God* J. S. Bach

\* INTROIT *sung by everyone* (Tune #417)

**Throughout these Lenten days and nights  
we turn to walk the inward way,  
where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,  
we live in hope till Easter Day.**



\* CALL TO WORSHIP *responsively* Beth Johnston

Leader: I invite you to the journey of Lent.

**People: Where does the journey take us?**

Leader: The journey takes us within ourselves  
so that we may live in our world in a new way.

**People: We are afraid to go there.**

Leader: We do not need to be afraid,  
for we will be strengthened by the Spirit of God,  
and God has promised never to leave us nor forsake us.

**People: Even though we are afraid, we will journey on.  
God is with us. Amen!**



\* OPENING HYMN (see below) *Companions in Christ*



**Companions, we are companions on the journey of life.  
We are companions by the Spirit in one holy bond of peace.  
We are companions on the journey, companions by the Spirit,  
We are companions by the Spirit in one holy bond of peace.  
We are companions in Christ.**

\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER *please stand and greet those around you!*

\* RESPONSE *sung by everyone*

Marjorie Thompson

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We are companions by the Spirit in one holy bond of peace.  
We are companions in Christ.**

SILENT PRAYER EXAMEN *seated in silence* Companions in Christ

Give thanks for your week: Thank God for each part of your week,  
for your life, for the lives of others who were part of your week,  
and for God's presence in your week.

Celebrate the particular gifts you received in the expected and  
unexpected occurrences that enriched your week.

Confess your sin: Acknowledge your faults in thought, word, and  
deed toward God, neighbor, creation, and yourself.

Name the times when you feel you may have ignored subtle  
promptings or warnings of the Spirit.



WORDS OF ASSURANCE *spoken by the pastor*

The confidence that Christ's followers can have is grounded in the  
assurance of full forgiveness and steadfast love, and it is rightly  
focused on bringing to fruition all hopes that align with God's will.

PRAYER OF JESUS (using "sins")



## We Listen for God's Word

ANTHEM *Blest are They* David Haas



LENTEN SYMBOLS & CHILDREN'S TIME

Hymn #195 verse 1 *seated*

Matthew 26:26-29 — Bread and Wine — Prayer

Hymn #195 verse 4 *seated*



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\* HYMN #180 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*  
Children depart for classes during the singing of this hymn.



SERVICE OF PRAYER

SHARING PRAYER JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER OF JESUS (using "sins") AND RESPONSE

GOSPEL READING

Luke 9:51-62

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SERMON

"Embracing the Journey"

## *We Respond to God's Word*

THE OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

\* DOXOLOGY (Tune #382)

**These Lenten gifts we bring, our living faith express.  
We offer them most lovingly, and thus our hearts are blessed.**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION *by the pastor*

\* CLOSING HYMN #556      *Trust and Obey*                      **verses 1 & 4**

\* BENEDICTION *by the pastor*

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE                      Tune #231 (last system)  
*sung together while holding hands*                      Heidi Koschreck

**Bless your people as we journey,  
Living every day for You.**

\* ORGAN POSTLUDE

## *We Depart to Serve God*

*Please join us in the Parish Hall for fellowship and refreshments  
hosted by the Choir*

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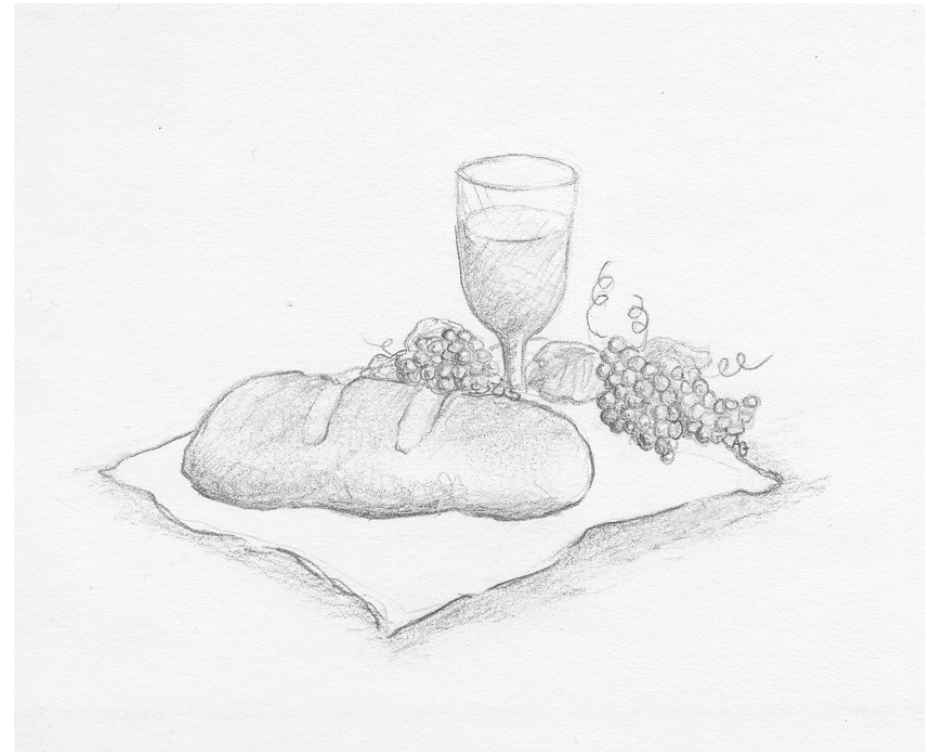
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*Where Neighbors Meet*



# Season of Lent

All are Welcome!

February 21, 2010

Embracing the Journey – The Way of Christ

## CHURCH CALENDAR

- Sun., Feb. 21 9am Choir Rehearsal  
10am Worship  
10:20am Sunday School  
11:30am New Member Info. Meeting
- Mon., Feb. 22 6pm Girl Scouts – PH/DN
- Tues., Feb. 23 6pm Girl Scouts – PH  
6pm Cub Scouts – YR
- Wed., Feb. 24 6pm BSA – PH  
6pm Cub Scouts – YR  
7-8:15pm Lenten Study – MR
- Thurs., Feb. 25 7pm Concert - *Circleslide* Concert
- Sun., Feb. 28 9am Choir Rehearsal  
10am Worship  
10:20am Sunday School  
11:30am New Member Info. Meeting
- Mon., March 1 6pm Girl Scouts – PH/DN
- Tues., March 2 6pm Girl Scouts – PH  
6pm Cub Scouts – DN  
7pm Church Council
- Wed., March 3 6pm BSA – PH  
6pm Cub Scouts – YR  
7-8:15 Lenten Study – MR
- Thurs., March 4 6pm “AA” Group – MR  
6pm Cub Scouts - YR

**BROWN BAG SUNDAY** is the **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday** of the month. Donations may be left in the Parish Hall. Thank you for caring!

**WORLD SERVICE ...**

Our Family's Table, the local soup kitchen serves meals every Wednesday at 5:30pm. Contact Pat Hill 485-4740 if interested in volunteering.

**FROM THE FLOWER COMMITTEE ...**

As always, donations of flowers are welcomed for our altar. Please contact Robbe MacKenzie 485-7295 (**February**) and Doris Rowden 485-3664 (**March**).

**SCHEDULE OF USHERS ...**

Feb. 28 Kurt & Jodi Ehler and Floyd & Dot Smith  
March 7 Don & Laurie Hill, Ken Williams and Dean Hopps  
March 14 Luke & Cindy Bonenfant and Tom & Allison Hardy  
March 21 Harold Matava, Helen Chapman, Lynn Matava and Randy Shuey  
March 28 Peter, Sharon, Eric Chase and Dean Hopps

**If you are unable to usher on your given day, please contact Dean Hopps at 485-5509.**

**A LENTEN SERIES, COMPANIONS IN CHRIST**, will be held from 7-8:15 in the memorial Room beginning **Feb. 17 to March 24**. Please sign up at the Welcome Station or call the church office.

**A MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION MEETING** is being held **today** and on February 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am – noon in the Memorial Room. Members will be received on March 7 during the regular worship service.

**We Extend A Warm Welcome** to all who worship with us this morning. Visitors are encouraged to sign the guest book outside the center-aisle entrance at the back of the Sanctuary. Nursery care is provided for infants and young children, and there are rocking chairs at the rear of the Sanctuary for those with a child who needs comforting. Please see an usher if you need assistance. Older children are excused for classroom work as indicated. Thank you to those assisting in our worship this morning. Judy Pearson read the scriptures. Eric & Judy Pearson and Dave & Nancy Bibbins served as ushers.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

Barbara Schumacher (friend of Doris Rowden's) – medical concerns  
Karen Miller (Mary Louise Grandmason's neice) – medical concerns  
Duff Chickering – medical concerns  
Robbe MacKenzie & family – multiple issues  
Letha's mother – treatable cancer  
Lynda Putnam's father – recovering from a stroke  
Russ Putnam's mother – medical concerns  
Carissa Williams – various concerns  
Military personnel overseas & their families

**CONCERT ...**

On Thursday, **February 25<sup>th</sup>** at **7pm** the Christian rock praise band ***Circleslide*** will perform in concert. Doors open at 6:30pm - **TICKETS REQUIRED**. The concert is free, but a **free will offering** will be taken to help the band with travel and meal expenses. A concession stand will be open for refreshments. Tickets will be available at noon on February 21<sup>st</sup> or by visiting the church office 12:30-4pm weekdays.

**DEACONS FUND ...**

Donations toward this fund are solicited on **Communion Sunday**. This fund helps those in need in our church and community.