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Lent 2

(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all.

All points marked * those who are able are invited to stand.)

Approach

Gathering Song – “*Glory in the Cross*” (see insert)

Call to Worship

One: As we walk the four equal arms of the Celtic Cross,

All: We come to a deeper self-knowing.

One: Our self, our nature, our wisdom and the divine.

All: Setting our spirit on solid ground.

One: Setting our spirits back on course.

All: Bringing that gentle spiritual wind back to our sails, we come to worship God.

* Hymn VU #152 – “*There is a Green Hill Far Away*”

Prayer of Approach and Confession

It is too easy, God for faith to become an escape, a way to avoid the pain of being human and alive; or a path to success, a way to persuade the universe to give us the things we want; or a system of control, a way to bend others to our will. But the faith you offer is different, more dangerous and compelling; it's the faith that carries the cross, a faith that is based in your expansive love, a faith that lays itself down for the sake of others. We praise you for this faith God, open our hearts to receive it. We take so much on to our shoulders God; sometimes it's because we just don't know what else to do. There is so much need, so many wounded people, there are so many challenges, and so many decisions. And so we pray for the strength and courage to work for justice and healing for those who are forgotten and hurting in our world, and to strive to be fully engaged in our own lives; But we also pray for the humility and wonder to seek your Spirit's strength and wisdom, as we are invited into vibrant relationship with you; because the faith we need is not just a 'religious' veneer, but a real confidence in a reality that is bigger than us.

AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time / Lord's Prayer

* Hymn VU #634 – “*To Abraham and Sarah*”

The Word

📖 Scripture Readings – Genesis 12: 1-4a
Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Reflection – “*Legalism versus promise*”

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – “*A Place in the Valley*”

The Response

Announcements

* Offering / Response

**Lord, whose love in humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Worked your mercy's perfect deed;
We, your servants bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to your purpose
every gift which you impart.**

Prayers of the People

* Hymn – “*Above the Hills of Time*” (see insert)

* Benediction / Response (tune VU #491)

**Hope of the world, who by your cross has saved us
From death and dark despair, from sin and guilt;
We render back the love your mercy gave us;
Take now our lives, with them your kingdom build.**

Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson, Minister Patrick Woodbeck, Associate Minister
Luci Toews, Church Administrator Laura Steidl, Music Director
Myrna Hagues, Organist Gina Grant, Custodian
Dorothy Read, Liturgist
Douglas Gauthier and Gloria Waldron, Nursery Care Givers

Ushers: Dorothy & Peter Harder
Greeters: Debbie & Howard Ashdown