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LENT 1

(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 Hymn MV #27 – “Creator God You Gave Us Life”

Call to Worship

One: Our stories of faith are not the same.

All: We discover God in our own way, in places special to just us.

One: In the midst of such diversity one thing binds us together.

All: Our God is real. Our God makes our lives and our world rich in all the ways that matter.

One: Let us celebrate our faith in worship!

- * Hymn MV #98 – “Like a River of Tears”

Prayer of Approach and Confession

The good news is that we do not need to get it right in one day or one year or even in one lifetime. We are called to embark on a journey. We are part of a cloud of witnesses that started with God’s first followers and will continue with our children and their children after them. We are your thankful people. We are part of the long line of the faithful who built this church, quietly and constantly worshipping here and have placed their trust in us to continue the work. Fill us with the Spirit of Christ now and always on our journey. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

Children’s Time / The Lord’s Prayer

- * Hymn VU #115 – “Jesus, Tempted in the Desert”

The Word

📖 Scripture Reading – Genesis 9: 8-17

Mark 1: 9-15

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Meditation – “Where is your God?”

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – “Someone is There”

The Response

Announcements

- * Offering / Response (VU #389 – vs. 4)

**God of all, of church and kingdom,
In an age of change and doubt
Keep us faithful to the gospel,
Help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day’s dedication,
All we have to give, receive;
We, who cannot live without you,
We adore you! We believe!**

Pastoral Prayer

- * Hymn VU #658 – “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

- * Benediction / Response

**Go, my friends, in grace,
Beneath the blessed sky.
Where you go, God is there,
Beneath the blessed sky.
Come again, my friends,
To worship and to pray.
Where we meet, God is here,
Benedictus Deus.**

Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson, Minister
Luci Toews, Church Administrator
Myrna Hagues, Organist
Pat Dumont, Liturgist

Patrick Woodbeck, Associate Minister
Laura Steidl, Music Director
Jessica Steidl, Joyful Noise Director
Gina Grant, Custodian

Douglas Gauthier & Gloria Waldron, Nursery Care Givers

Ushers: Cathy Baxter & Mark Conrad
Greeters: Joan Beveridge & Bert Johnson