



Sunday, February 21, 2021
First Sunday of Lent

Order of Service

Worship Music (YouTube)

Like as a Father

Luigi Cherubini

Cassie Gallagher, Judy Hanley, and Jamie Calandriello, trio
Andrew Hesse, cello; Pattie Barnes, piano

Kingsfold

setting by Kevin McChesney

Westminster Select Ringers

I Am His Child

Moses Hogan

Bill Crowther, Dave Neve, and Brett Goad, trio
Diane Hires, piano

arr. Hires

Hymn (YouTube)

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters
Singing led by Bobbi and Tim Weber

Thought for the Day

"In every crisis there is a message. Crises are nature's way of forcing change, breaking down old structures, shaking loose negative habits so something new and better can take their place."

– Susan L. Taylor

Gathering

Tolling of the Bell
Words of Welcome and Announcements

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Opening Hymn *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*
Pattie Barnes, organ

***Call to Worship**

The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

Jesus emerges from the water.

And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

"This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased."

Jesus is named. Claimed.

We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed.

Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.

– Caela Wood

Opening Prayer

Great Love, the waters of baptism whisper to us even now. We listen as you name and claim us as “Beloved”. In this season of Lent, draw us in, quiet our minds and connect our hearts. Help us remember. Help us reconnect. Amen.

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. Amen.

A Moment for Children

John Smoke

Children are asked to please gather around your screen.

Special Music (prerecorded)

River in Judea

Jack Feldman

Chancel Choir and friends

arr. Leavitt

Diane Hires conductor; Pattie Barnes, piano

Pattie Barnes, audio and video producer

Community Prayers

Reading of the Holy Scripture — 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.”

Sermon

“40 Days for a Change”

Pastor Claude

Our Tithes and Offerings

