



## The Season of Lent

March 6, 2022

Prelude

Welcoming

### Lighting the Christ Candle

Taking courage,  
facing the shadows in our lives,  
we re-focus, and behold  
the light of Christ. Amen.

### Call to Worship

Jesus went to the mountaintop to pray.

**Jesus went into the city to heal.**

Jesus walked to Samaria to extend love.

**Jesus went to the water's edge to teach.**

Jesus went to places of peace and connection,  
**but Jesus also went to the wilderness.**

There is nowhere we can go  
that God does not walk with us.

**We are in God's house,  
Let us worship Holy God.**

### **Centering Hymn: Gather Us In** (More Voices 7)

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Gather us in, ground us in you.  
Gather us in, ground us in you.  
Gather us in, gather us in,  
ground us, ground us in you.

### Call to Confession

Friends, we worship a God who doesn't keep score and doesn't hold grudges. We worship a God who invites us into a richer faith, a deeper love, a more compassionate existence with a million chances to try again. So let us speak truth into our lives, asking for God's help where we need it. Let us pray the prayer of confession together.

### Prayer of Confession

Holy God, when we think that expansive life is about power –

**Teach us a new way.**

Gracious Creator,

when we think that expansive life is about material wealth –

**Teach us a new way.**

Gracious Author, when we think that expansive life is about control-

**Teach us a new way.**

Teach us to live as you live.

**Teach us to love as you love.**

Forgive us when we don't.

**Gratefully we pray, amen.**

### Words of Forgiveness

Siblings in Christ,

no matter how many times we mess up,

no matter how far we wander,

no matter how lost we feel,

God's grace is full to the brim,

It overflows in desert places.

It finds us where we are and

it covers us in mercy.

Here and believe this good news-

God's love is overflowing.

We are drenched in mercy.

Thanks be to God, amen.

## Opening Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth (Voices United 226)

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- 1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,  
*Refrain* God of all, to you we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.
- 2 For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light, *Refrain*
- 3 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild, *Refrain*
- 4 For each perfect gift sublime  
to our race so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven, *Refrain*

## Scripture Readings

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1-13

Anthem: The Power of Your Love

Words and Music by Geoff Bullock

## Reflection

Prayers for Others and Ourselves: I AM with You

*The Work of the People video presentation*

**Affirmation of Faith** (Bill: light, Nancy & congregation: bold)

We believe God is love.

**We believe God's love is overflowing.**

We believe Jesus is a river.

**We believe that river is running towards us.**

We believe the Holy Spirit is a vessel.

**We believe that vessel holds mercy for you and for me.**

We believe the wilderness is real.

**We believe the desert is lonely.**

We believe that Jesus has been there.

**We know that we do not walk alone.**

Even in the desert,

**we are loved.**

Even in the desert,

**God is with us.**

Even in the desert,

**this love overflows.**

Thanks be to God,

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

## Full to the Brim

*A Sanctified Art video presentation*

*Song written & produced by Paul Demer*

*Video by Lisle Gwynn Garrity*

*featuring visual art by Lisle Gwynn Garrity, Lauren Wright Pittman,*

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## **Benediction**

As you leave this place,  
may you be awestruck by the beauty of this world.  
May you laugh, and may it be contagious.  
May you overflow with love for those around you.  
May you be effusive with hope and quick to point out joy.  
And in all of your living, and breathing, and being,  
may you find yourself full to the brim with God's Holy Spirit,  
and may it change your life.  
In the name of the Lover, the Beloved, and Love itself-  
go in peace, full to the brim. Amen.

## Postlude

*Worship Leaders – Nancy Walker and Bill Cantelon*

*Music Leader – Lynn Dennis*

*Vocalists – Sam Bohner, Peggy Dayton, Lorne Holland,  
Jo-Ann Hopkins and Alan Priestley*

*Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey*

*Scripture Reading – Peggy Dayton*

*Technical Support – Karen Clark, Peter Gray and Louise Johnston*

*Flowers for the service are offered by Lorne Holland  
in memory of his wife Jean.*

*Flowers are also offered by Carol-Ann and David Staples  
in memory of their daughter, Rebecca Staples.*