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Worship for Sunday, March 13, 2022

Second Sunday in Lent

Lenten theme: "We're Goin' on a Journey"

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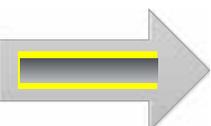
In person services (livestreamed on the Messiah YouTube channel and posted on the Messiah website following the service) begin at 10:30am each Sunday. The wearing of masks is not required but please respect each individual's choice. Covid vaccinations, social distancing, and hand sanitizing are encouraged. Please do not attend if you aren't feeling well, and make use of Covid testing if necessary.

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Prayers for Healing and On-Going Health Concerns:

We pray for comfort and healing for all those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit; give them courage and hope in their time of need.

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Today:

- Sunday School will be changing its time to begin at 10:00 AM in person and on Zoom.
- Confirmation Class at 7pm.

This Week:

- Mid-Week Lenten Service on Wednesdays through to April 6 at 7pm, both in-person and on Zoom, using the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89247766302?pwd=VHRwT1czZGITYUNYUDJhd1ptdVFsQT09>. Meeting ID: 892 4776 6302, Passcode: 665871. The theme is "Turning Toward God's Abundance".
- Welcome All Singers! Well-known PA Choral Director, May Janzen, is going to direct an Easter Choir/ Ensemble!!! We are asking all and any singers who are interested to make a short-term commitment to four Choir practices: Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM (sharp!), March 20, 27, April 3 & 10. Wearing of masks is preferred as we join together and sing to the Lord!

Other Lenten Offerings:

- All are Welcome to participate in the Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart Cathedral (1401 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue West) on Fridays at 7pm: March 18, 25, April 1, 8.



### Upcoming:

- ❖ PLEASE BE AWARE THAT MARCH 22 IS THE DEADLINE FOR AGM REPORTS TO BE SENT INTO OFFICE/LISA. THANK YOU!
- ❖ The Caring Ministry and Community Service Ministry Team is looking for volunteers to help write Easter cards. Let us know by calling the Messiah office by March 15.
- ❖ Stephen Ministries: A new training class for Stephen Leaders is starting soon. Contact Pastor Fran or Linda Moriarty today to find out more about this ministry and plan to attend our Stephen Ministries Information Event on Sunday, March 20 @ 3pm.



- ❖ Mark Your Calenders: Sunday, April 3 @ 3pm Youth & Family Bowling, \$5/participant. Let Pastor Fran or Shannon Pettem know if you plan to attend, so we are sure to have enough lanes! More info to come.

### Ecumenical Offerings during Lent:

In Conversation: Perspectives on Ecumenism, Reconciliation, and Pathways for Renewal With Bishop Chris Harper, Anglican Bishop of Saskatoon and Archbishop Don Bolen, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Regina. Tuesday, March 15 at 7pm at St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan. To register: <http://bit.ly/bishops2> In-person or view on livestream.

### Ecumenical Stewardship Seminars:

Think about the use of sacred buildings and properties in new ways. All are welcome on Thursdays, March 10, 17, and 24, at 3pm. For further information, contact Archdeacon Cheryl Toth at [stewardship@sasktel.net](mailto:stewardship@sasktel.net) Registration required: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpduirjluHdE69wl-4LG15vIH00mGqViK>

Doctrine of Discovery: As part of your Lenten Spiritual Practice, please join the BC Synod every Thursday at 9pm until April 7 for an in depth look at the Doctrine of Discovery. To register, go to: <https://bit.ly/3lQ3peD> or for more information go to the BC Synod website.

Mark your Calendars: Go to Kinasao website to register: <http://www.kinasao.ca/camp-kinasao/weekend-retreats>

Men's Retreat: April 1-3 with guest speaker Rick Istifo

Women's Retreat: April 29-May 1 with Pastor Fran on the topic: "Sacred Journeys"



### Ukraine Emergency Appeal

Please consider making a donation for the "Ukraine Appeal" either through Messiah or call CLWR at 1-800-661-2597 to donate by credit card or go online at <https://www.clwr.org/product/E-104/ukraine-crisis>. Send a cheque made payable to CLWR and mail to CLWR, 600-177 Lombard Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R#B 0W5. Please indicate that you wish to contribute to "Ukraine Appeal."

## GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LENTEN THEME INTRODUCTION

GATHERING HYMN: ELW#706 "The People Walk"

## OPENING DIALOGUE

Into your hands, almighty God, we place ourselves: our minds to know you, our hearts to love you, our wills to serve you, for we are yours.

Into your hands, incarnate Savior, we place ourselves: receive us and draw us after you, that we may follow your steps.

Into your hands, O hovering Spirit, we place ourselves: take us and fashion us after your image; let your comfort strengthen us and your fire cleanse us.

Into your hands, almighty God, we place ourselves: gather us in your light eternal.

(Based on the commitment prayer, ELW, p. 86)

SCRIPTURE SONG: ELW#713 "O God of Every Nation"

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray, open our hands, Lord, to reach out to a world in need. May our arms enfold those who sorrow, our palms bear mercy and grace, and our fingers point to your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 15:7-11

A reading from Deuteronomy.

<sup>7</sup>If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. <sup>8</sup>You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. <sup>9</sup>Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, "The seventh year, the year of remission, is near," and therefore view your needy neighbor with hostility and give nothing; your neighbor might cry to the LORD against you, and you would incur guilt. <sup>10</sup>Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. <sup>11</sup>Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, "Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land."

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139:1-10

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

<sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

<sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

<sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

<sup>7</sup>Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?  
<sup>8</sup>If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.  
<sup>9</sup>If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
<sup>10</sup>even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17--4:1

A reading from Philippians.

<sup>17</sup>Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us.  
<sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears.  
<sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.  
<sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.  
 Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW#446 "I'm Goin' on a Journey" vs. 1& 2 (\*\*theme verse throughout Lent)

GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel according to Luke in the thirteenth chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you."  
<sup>32</sup>He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"  
 The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "In God's Hands"

CHILDREN'S SONG: "The Whole World in His Hands" (public domain)

SERMON: "Fight, Flight, Fawn, Flee"

Silence for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY: LBW#489 "Wide Open Are Your Hands"

ANOINTING OF HANDS

Prayers

God the Father, you desire the health and salvation of all people. We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life and might have it more abundantly. We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temples of your presence. We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being. We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole; hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent the awareness of your presence; hear us, O Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit; hear us, O Lord of life.

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering; grant them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to the dying a peaceful, holy death, and with your grace strengthen those who mourn; hear us, O Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken in our lives, in this nation, and in the world; hear us, O Lord of life.

Hear us, O Lord of life: heal us, and make us whole.

Let us pray,

Gracious God, in baptism you anointed us with the oil of salvation, and joined us to the death and resurrection of your Son. Bless all who seek your healing presence in their lives. In their suffering draw them more deeply into the mystery of your love, that following Christ in the way of the cross, they may know the power of his resurrection; who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

*Those wishing anointing of hands are invited to come forward now.*

Through this holy anointing, may God's love and mercy uphold you by the grace and power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Blessing

As you are anointed with this oil, may God bless you with the healing power of the Holy Spirit. May God forgive you your sins, release you from suffering, and restore you to wholeness and strength. May God deliver you from all evil, preserve you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

APOSTLE'S CREED

Living in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\*

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PEACE

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

(2 Corinthians 13:11)

The peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you.

*(We share a sign of that peace.)*

PRAYER

God blesses us through prayer.

OFFERING HYMN: ELW#692 "We Are an Offering"

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together. God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need, praying Merciful God, and responding, hear our prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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 and ever. Amen.

### SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

### BLESSING

Go into the world with eyes open to the transforming light of Christ, hands open to serve those you meet, ears open to the call of the Spirit, hearts open to the bountiful love of God, and lives open to follow Christ to the cross. The God who opened for us the way of everlasting life, ✠ bless you now and forever.

Three-Fold Sung Amen.

SENDING SONG: ACS#1000 "God's Work, Our Hands"

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember Jesus journeys with you.

Thanks be to God.