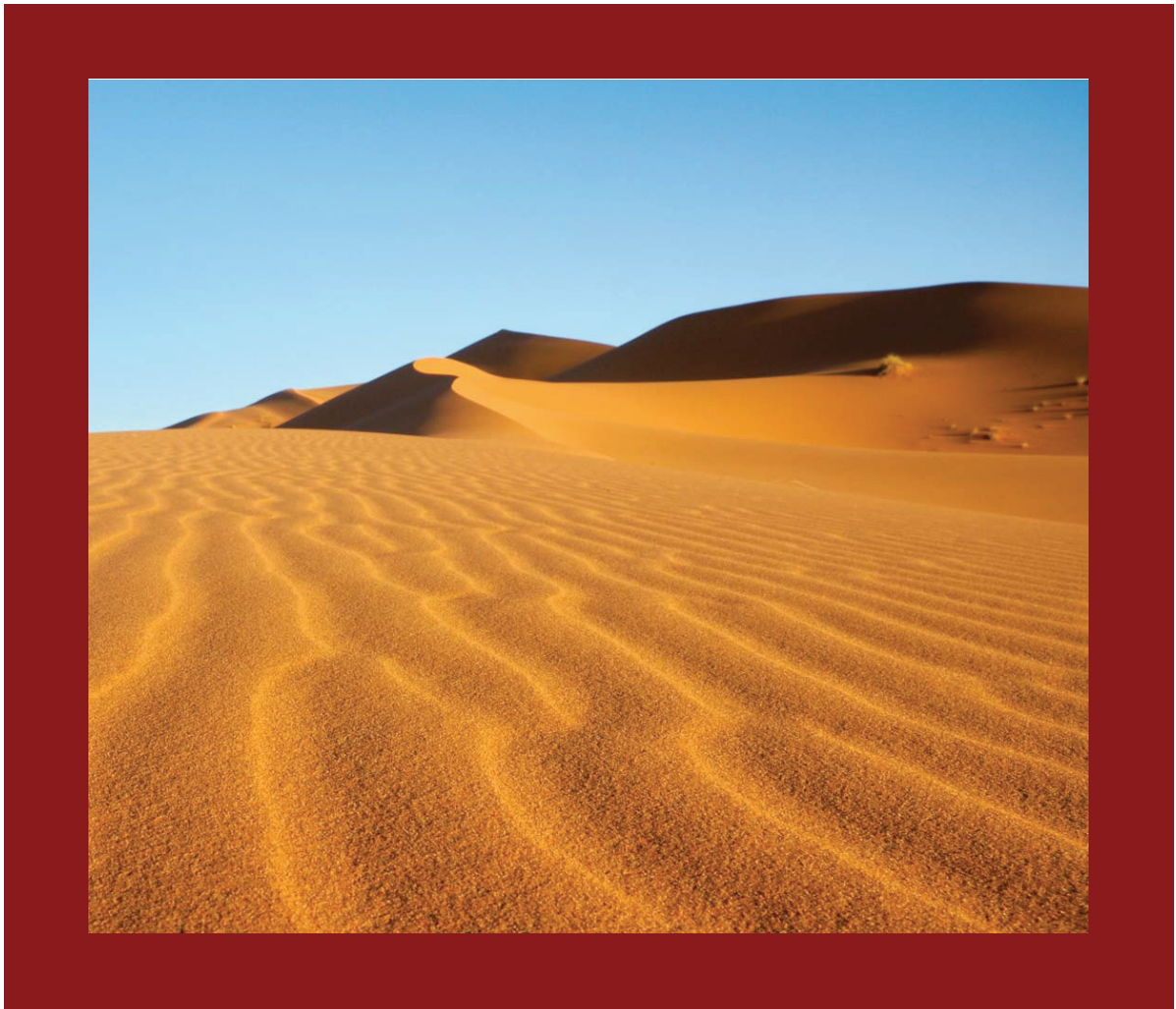


First Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2022



Rev. Raygan Baker



Welcome!

Are you a guest with us, or interested in connecting with us?

Text "New" to 559-425-4050 and fill out the Connect Card.

Does your infant or toddler need a minute, a change, or a good cry? Don't worry, we've (literally) all been there.

The service is livestreaming in our Caring Room (Room 1) nearby, where there is space and supplies to help get what your child needs.

Prelude

"Prelude and Fugue in D Minor",
BWV 554 - J.S. Bach

Scott Horton,
organ

Welcome

Rev. Raygan Baker

Centering Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16

Justin Larson, cantor

(The Congregation sings the Response with the Choir)

Response *Antiphon: David Hurd, 1994*

Unison



My ref - uge and my for - tress, my God in whom I trust.

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to God, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

Sung Response: My refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust.

Because you have made God your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

For God will command God's angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

Sung Response: My refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust.

You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble,

I will rescue them and honor them.

With long life, I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

Sung Response: My refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust.

***Prayer of Confession**

Liturgist: Christopher Williams

Most merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

You call to us through the voices of the poor and the powerless,

But we close ourselves off from their need:

You call to us through the cries of those who struggle to change structures of oppression,

but we turn away from their challenge:

You hint, you invite, you surround us with calls to love you more fully, and follow you more faithfully,

but we cling to comfort and safety:

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your abundant ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

(A silence is held for personal prayer and reflection)

***Words of Assurance**

***Hymn** "Lord Jesus, Who through Forty Days" #211, pew hymnal

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Liturgist: Christopher Williams

Choral Anthem "Create in Me" - T. Johnson Chancel Choir

Time for Discovery: Holy Communion

**Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still;
let this be our song — no one stands alone,
standing side by side. Draw the circle wide.**

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Invitation and Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The peace of Christ be with you,
Many: and also with you.

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.***

Breaking, Pouring, Feasting

Thanksgiving After the Meal

***God of glory,
In this holy meal you show us
your will for every meal.
In Christ's strength, let us live and work
for the day when all tables are filled with your abundance
and surrounded by your people in peace.
In Jesus' name. Amen.***

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:1-13 **Liturgist:** Christopher Williams

Homily

***Hymn** “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” (insert)

Invitation to Prayer

Sung Call to Prayer

**Lord, listen to your children praying:
Lord send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying:
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

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Prayers of the Church

Invitation to Generosity

Liturgist: Christopher Williams

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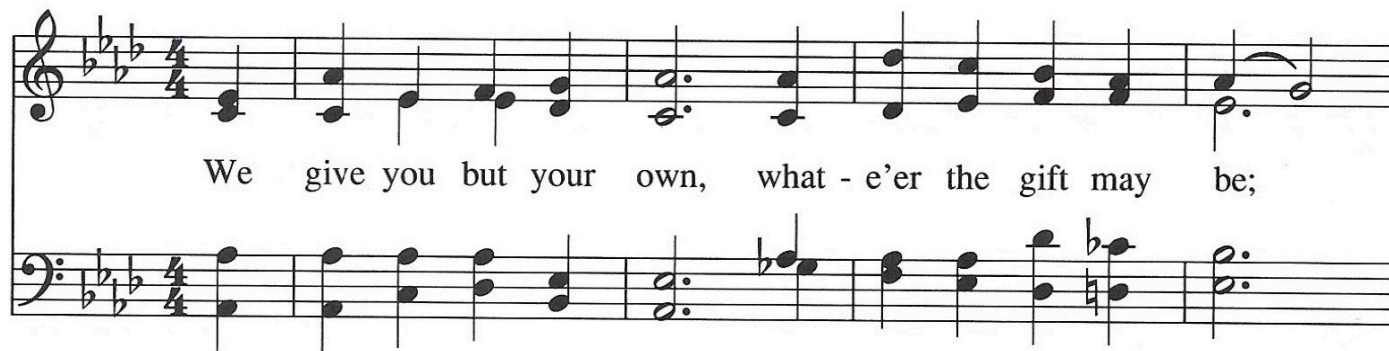


Offertory Music

"On Eagles Wings" - arr. Carter

Scott Horton, piano

*Doxology



We give you but your own, what - e'er the gift may be;



All that we have is yours a - lone, we give it grate-ful - ly.

*Blessing and Sung Benediction

Go now in peace, never be afraid;
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;
know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world will see
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

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It is our tradition to be seated for the Postlude.

Postlude

Psalm 18; "I will praise Thee,
O Lord, my strength" - B. Marcello

Scott Horton,
organ

We Go Out to Love and Serve the World

Christian Exploration Hour

Every Sunday at 9am

Ongoing Opportunities:

Activity	Age Group	Description	Location
Roots & Branches	Adults	Exploring scripture, expanding connections	Fireside Room
Supervised Play	Children ages 5-14	Making friends in the Big Red family	Room 5/ Playground

March Scheduled Opportunities:

Date	Activity	Age Group	Description	Location
Every Sunday in March	Loaves & Fishes	Children ages 8+	Kymberly Lindsey will provide a hands-on experience, guiding you through Coffee Hour prep, and learning about sharing God's love through food. Limit 6 participants per day. Contact Kymberly to sign-up. 559-908-0326.	Kitchen

More information about Exploration Hour at
<https://bigredchurch.org/exploration-hour/>

Lord Jesus, Who through Forty Days

211

Claudia F. I. Hernaman, 1873; alt.

Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13

1 Lord Je - sus, who through for - ty days for us did fast and pray,
2 As you with Sa - tan did con-tend, and did the vic-tory win,
3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas-sion - tide,
4 A - bid with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be past,

Teach us with you to mourn our sins, and close by you to stay.
O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con-quer sin.
Yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Christ, with us a - bid.
An Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

The musical score is written for four-part harmony (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

Unflagging in her zeal for religious education of children, Claudia F. I. Hernaman wrote some 150 hymns. This one appeared in her Child's Book of Praise (1873).

Tune: ST. FLAVIAN C.M.
Day's The Whole Booke of Psalms, 1562

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

F F7 B \flat Gm7

1. Je - sus walked this lone-some val-ley, he had to
 2. We must walk this lone-some val-ley, we have to
 3. You must go and stand your tri - al, you have to

F Dm Gm C7 F7 3

walk it by him-self; O, no-bod-y else could walk it
 walk it by our-selves; O, no-bod-y else can walk it
 stand it by your-self, O, no-bod-y else can stand it

B \flat Gm7 F Gm C7 1-2 F B \flat F 3 F

for him, he had to walk it by him - self.
 for us, we have to walk it by our - selves.
 for you, you have to stand it by your - self.

WORDS: American spiritual
 MUSIC: American spiritual; arr. Bill Thomas, 1994

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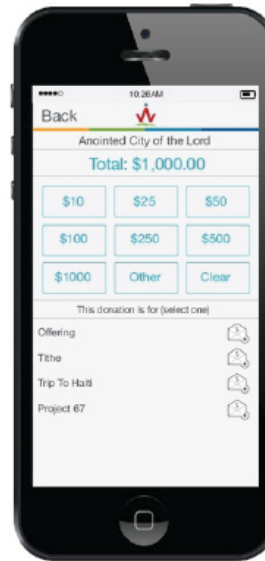
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FCCF Open and Affirming Statement

We believe that all people are sacred creations of a loving God. We affirm the diversity that exists among us. We strive to answer the call of Christ by extending his love, compassion and acceptance to everyone. In this spirit, we open our family of faith to people of every religious background, sexual orientation, family composition, physical and mental ability, race, age and gender.

As Christians, we experience God's reconciling love. In response we stand with those who suffer discrimination, isolation and alienation.

We welcome all people to participate fully in our church's life and ministry. We celebrate the variety of talents and perspectives which flow into our spiritual community, continuing to enrich us in ways we could not have predicted or envisioned.