

# *Order of Worship*

## **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

10:00 am – February 21, 2021

### ***Watching Live?***

*Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867 before the end of the first hymn.*

#### **PRELUDE**

*Lenten Meditation*  
Tyler Carlisle, organ

by Ernest Dicks

#### **WELCOME**

#### **HYMN**

*Blessed Be Your Name*

W&S 3002

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Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful, where Your streams of abundance flow;  
blessed be Your name. Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place;  
though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise; When the darkness closes in, Lord,  
still I will say: Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me, When the world's all as it should be:  
blessed be Your name. Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering;  
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name. (*Refrain*)

You give and take away; You give and take away. My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name.  
You give and take away; You give and take away. My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
blessed be Your glorious name. Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

**God of storms and rainbows, God of rain and sunshine, God of all creation, we worship and adore you. Like Noah and his family, we marvel at stormy skies transformed with the vibrant colors of a rainbow, and we praise You for this everlasting sign of Your love and care for the whole creation. At Jesus' baptism, the sky again revealed Your love when You identified Him as Your beloved Son, strengthening Him with the same Spirit who empowers and strengthens each of us. For all these assurances of your love for us and for the whole creation, we praise and worship you, O God, in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(adapted from Rev. Dr. Moira Laidlaw, ©1992)

#### **HYMN**

*Lord, Throughout These Forty Days*

UMH 269

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Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,  
teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.

As thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win,  
O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.

As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,  
to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.

And through these days of penitence, and through thy passiontide,  
yea, evermore in life and death, Jesus, with us abide.

Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past,  
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*As the Wind Song*  
Becca Clarke, vocalist; Tyler Carlisle, piano

by Swee Hong Lim

**SCRIPTURE**

*Genesis 9: 8-17; Mark 1: 9-15*  
The Word of God, for the People of: God. **Thanks be to God.**

Susan Eveler

**MESSAGE**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**God of the wilderness, we give these offerings in gratitude, rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us. We give these offerings in faith, trusting that you will provide for our needs. We give these offerings in hope, knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world. And with these offerings, we give ourselves; may we live with generous hearts, with open hands. Amen.**

(Rev. Joanna Harader, ©2013, spaciousfaith.com)

**HYMN**

*Faith While Trees Still in Blossom*  
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UMH 508

Faith, while trees are still in blossom, plans the picking of the fruit;  
faith can feel the thrill of harvest when the buds begin to sprout.

Long before the dawn is breaking, faith anticipates the sun.  
Faith is eager for the daylight, for the work that must be done.

Long before the rains were coming, Noah went and built an ark.  
Abraham, the lonely migrant, saw the light beyond the dark.

Faith, uplifted, tamed the water of the undivided sea,  
and the people of the Hebrews found the path that made them free.

Faith believes that God is faithful: God will be what God will be!  
Faith accepts His call, responding, "I am willing, Lord, send me."

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley (a Lenten Spiritual)*  
Tyler Carlisle, organ

by Dale Wood

***Prayer Requests***

Thousand Oaks UMC — Pastor Anna Mulford

Chatsworth West UMC — Pastor Karen Murata

Millie Downey and Nancy Raymond— health concerns

Bruce Smale and Kathi Taylor — on home hospice; prayers for a peaceful transition

Family and Friends of Dick French — he passed away peacefully at home this week, surrounded by family.  
We give thanks that he is resting in God's arms and no longer suffering.

***Online Lenten Caravan — "Rest for the Journey"***

**Wednesdays at 6:30 PM**

**Zoom Meeting ID: 222 738 6095**