



UNITED IN CHRIST

*" How good and pleasant it is when God's
people live together in unity! "*

(Psa 133:1)

2023

ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES

COMMUNITY LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 12:05 pm

Worship Leader: Rev Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett,

Grace Lutheran Church

Pianist: AJ Sherrill

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Welcome & Greeting

Opening Dialog

L: Behold, now is the acceptable time;

ALL: now is the day of salvation.

L; Gather us, O God, around the cross of Christ,

ALL: and make it for us the tree of life.

L: May the fruits of this tree feed the hungry,

ALL: and may its leaves heal the nations.

Hymn *"Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"* #334

- 1 Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry,
in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of hist'ry,
still you rise with ev'ry morn,
still you rise with ev'ry morn.
- 2 We remember truth once spoken,
love passed on through act and word;
ev'ry person lost and broken
wears the body of our Lord,
wears the body of our Lord.

Lent 2

In our call to be a blessing,
may we be a blessing true;
may we live and die confessing
Christ as Lord of all we do.

Prayer

All: Father God, Your extravagant love has called us together. Long before we even knew You, You already knew us, and had chosen us to be part of Your own family—sisters and brothers with our Lord Jesus Christ Himself. What amazing love You have shown toward us!

And so we come before You with praise and thanksgiving, offering You the worship of our hearts and lives, and opening ourselves to the prompting and leading of Your Holy Spirit. Receive our worship—our praise and prayers and offerings— through the intercession of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. May the time we spend here in Your presence bring honor and glory to Your Name. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 2: 8-9 18-22

Pew Bible p 2

⁸ And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

⁹ Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. (Gen 2:8-9 NRS)

¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner."

¹⁹ So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.

²⁰ The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.

²² And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. (Gen 2:18-22 NRS)

Gospel Reading: John 1: 1-4 Pew Bible p862

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

² He was in the beginning with God.

³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being

⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. (Joh 1:1-5 NRS)

P: Word of God, Word of Life

ALL: Thanks be to God

Message

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn *"Bless Now, O God, the Journey"* #326

1 Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence, the way of give and
take.

The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is
found.

2 Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding
way;

your hope burns through the terrors,
your love sustains the day.
We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound;
together we are seeking the road where faith is found.

- 3 Divine eternal lover, you meet us on the road.
We wait for land of promise where milk and honey flow,
but waiting not for places, you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found.

Benediction

P: May God protect you through your time of trial.
May the love of Christ, seen in what he did, and
heard in what he said, fill you with joy and hope.
May the Holy Spirit advocate for you, leading into
all truth, lighting the way of faith, and
strengthening you to follow Jesus, so that you will
become like a strong, young tree, growing deep
and bearing much fruit. Amen.

Sending

P: God in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Offering: Your offerings may be left in the plate at the
back of the sanctuary. Offerings will be given to the Red
Roof fund of the Salvation Army.

*Please remain after the service
for a time of conversation and fellowship
with a light lunch served.
Suggested meal price: \$5.00*

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2023 Host Church-Grace Lutheran Church

March 1st Serving Church: Grace Lutheran Church

Leader: Rev. Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

Musician: AJ Sherrill

March 8th Serving Church: Immaculate Conception Parish

Speaker: Father John Lantsberger

Musician: Laura Atwood

March 15th Serving Church: 1st Congregational(UCC)

Leader: Rev Dustin Bartlett

Musician:

March 22nd Serving Church: Open

March 29th Serving Church: Grace Lutheran

Leader: Rev. Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

Musician: A.J. Sherrill

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