



Lenten Candles

During the season of Lent, the church travels with Jesus on the road to the cross. As we prepare to remember our Savior's betrayal, arrest, suffering, and death, we reflect on what things in our lives we may need to put to death so we can live in the newness of Jesus' resurrection and ascension. We will mark the weeks of Lent by lighting candles in the sanctuary; these same candles will be extinguished on Good Friday as we remember the crucifixion. May the light of Christ shine more deeply into our hearts as we walk this road with him, revealing the darkness within us and making us new.

Lenten Journey: A Pilgrimage

Order of Worship ~ March 21, 2021

Prelude	Carol Ortiz
Welcome	Pastor Shari
Lighting the Fifth Candle of Lent	Mike & Barbara Ball
A Song of Praise Video "Way Maker"	Past recording
Call to Confession	Doug Karman

Psalm 32:1-2 says,

"Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven; whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit."

Trusting in God's faithful promise to forgive our sin, let us confess before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father,

We confess that we are not always able to see your handiwork in the people and things around us. We do not always see your image in our neighbors, and we do not always see your creative fingerprints in the good things in our world. Our eyes and our hearts are darkened by sin, and we too often take our sinful perspectives for granted. Transform our eyes and hearts with your Holy Spirit, so we may see the light of your creation and the love of redemption that we have in Jesus. Help us to see and live according to Jesus's vision and life. Hear our prayers as we continue our confession in silence...

Assurance of Forgiveness

The God of David is our God. Our God hides his face from our sins; blots all of our iniquities. God creates in us a clean heart; and renews a right spirit within us. We will not be cast away from his presence, nor have his Holy Spirit taken from us. For our God is at work to restore to us the joy of our salvation. O, Children of God, we are forgiven because He has given his own sacrifice in place of ours. "For our sake, he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God,"

Know this and be at peace. Amen.

Song of Praise 'Create in Me a Clean Heart'

Carol Ortiz

Sharing the Peace of Christ with One Another.

Doug Karman

As God has given peace through Christ, so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Moment for Mission "One Great Hour of Sharing"

Christy Sumner

Scripture Readings Gospel of John 12:20 - 33

Rev. Bill Ward

Message "RU Willing 2B Willing?"

Reflection Questions

Where do you long to see God's Spirit bring transformation in your life?

Prayerfully lift those places to the Lord.

Spend a few moments in gratitude for the work of God's Spirit in your life.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Pastor Shari

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitations

Benediction

Rev. Bill Ward

Postlude

Carol Ortiz

Today's beautiful floral arrangements are in loving memory of Sharon Cloninger. Sharon was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, friend, and sister-in-Christ. She is greatly missed but we know she is singing in Heaven.



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