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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



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- LITURGY WRITTEN REV. SUSAN BLAIN
- **PLEASE RESPOND WITH WORDS IN BOLD PRINT.**
- ***PLEASE STAND IF COMFORTABLY ABLE.**
- **NCH** is the New Century Hymnal

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE.
- THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY INTO WORSHIP

PRELUDE: "Prayer of Thanksgiving" Peery (duet by Anne Brown and Nancy Eisenhauer)

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: Our souls are created to be God's dwelling place, and the dwelling place of the soul is God.

All: **As we worship, we experience the God who dwells in us.**

Through our worship, we dwell in God.

One: As we make the Holy One our dwelling place, no evil shall overtake us. Come, live and love in the shelter of the Most High and say, "God is my refuge and fortress in whom I trust."

All: **Through our worship, we love the God who dwells in us, and in whom we dwell. God is our refuge and our home.**

***OPENING HYMN: NCH 395**

"In Christ There is No East or West"

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

O Holy One, we come to you in gladness and expectation to begin our Lenten exploration. You offer steadfast love as our strong refuge; your boundless grace is our sheltering presence, and we rejoice!

In the unity of worship, we trust that you will speak to us and through us as we begin this Lenten journey with each other and with Christ.

Prepare our hearts

**to seek you and embrace you,
to hear you and follow you,
to love you and to serve you.**

**With gladness and expectation, we pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

***GLORIA: NCH 759**

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,
Three- in-One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**FIRST TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Lay Liturgist**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM READING: Psalm 91:1-6, 9-16
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EPISTLE READING: Romans 10:8b-13 Lay Liturgist

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

***GOSPEL READING: Luke 4:1-13**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON:

***HYMN OF RESPONSE: "Knowing You" (insert)**

**PASTORAL PRAYER: Beginning with a time for silent
personal prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your
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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE: NCH 772

**Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten,
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten,
God alone fills us.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION:

OFFERTORY: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Bock

***DOXOLOGY: NCH 780**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

Bless these offerings which we return to you, that in our seeking and our serving, our light might illumine someone's path. Guide us in your wisdom and love that we may use these gifts to manifest your presence in the world in all that we do. Amen.

***SENDING HYMN: NCH 460 "Be Not Dismayed"**

***BENEDICTION:**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE: Three-fold Amen
Amen, Amen, Amen**

***POSTLUDE: "There's Something About That Name" Bock**