

Scriptural Meditation

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

Isaiah 55:6

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of Our Church Bell

Welcome and Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Prelude *Gabriel's Oboe* by Enrico Morricone

Call to Worship

One: The journey began two weeks ago. We were called by God to look inward first, to find those things which have blocked our witness and discipleship. How hard it is to serve God when we are bound by our fears.

All: Our voices quiver and shake. We cannot frame our words.

We seek God's forgiving love,

but fail to recognize God's presence in our lives.

Help us to remember, Lord, that you have walked this path before us.

One: Open your hearts, dear people, to God's awesome love, given for you.

All: Help us to repent of our weakness and our indifference and serve you, O Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Invocation

* **Gathering Song** *Just As I Am, Without One Plea* # 442

*** Prayer of Reconciliation**

Let us remain standing and express ourselves to God.

All: Lent is a season of turning. We are called on this journey to turn our lives to the Lord, to turn away from all those things which have harmed us and others; to separate ourselves from actions and attitudes that demean and destroy. We hurt, Lord. We hurt in our bodies and our souls. We hurt in our relationships with others. How we must try your patience! We don't want to be like this - we want to feel the warmth of your love, the freedom of your spirit, the joy of serving you. Forgive us for our selfishness and stupidity. Heal us. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.

***A Time for Contemplation** (a private time for you and God)

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

One: You are given another chance! God has heard your cries. Turn again to the Lord. Find comfort and strength in God's eternal love for you. Be healed. Amen. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

God's Word for Little Ears

~Hearing God's Word~

Prayer for Understanding God's Word

All: Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from Your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 55:1-9 page 685

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Help Us to Help Each Other, Lord* by S. Drummond Wolff (1916-2004)

Help us to help each other, Lord, Each other's cross to bear.

Let each his friendly aid afford And feel his brother's care.

Up into Thee, our Living Head, Let us in all things grow,

Till Thou hast made us free indeed And spotless here below.

Touched by the loadstone of Thy love, Let all our hearts agree

And ever toward each other move, And ever move toward Thee. Amen.

[Text by Charles Wesley (1707-1788)]

New Testament Epistle I Corinthians 10:1-13 page 172

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Gospel Lesson Luke 13:1-9 page 76

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Message *Journey Inward/Journey Outward* Pastor Kim Nelson
Recovering from Life's Setbacks

~Responding to God's Word~

***Affirmation of Faith**

Let us stand and affirm our faith.

All: We believe in God above us, Maker and Sustainer of life, Of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.

We believe in God beside us,

Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,

Born of a woman, a servant of the poor,

Tortured and nailed to a tree.

A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.

He descended into the earth to the place of death.

On the third day he rose from the tomb.

He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,

And his kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us,

The Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,

Life-Giving breath of the Church,

Spirit of healing and forgiveness,

Source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.

[An Affirmation of Faith from Iona]

Invitation to Become a Joyful Giver

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & Friendship Pad

Please take a moment to sign your name and contact information in the pew pad.

Offertory *Theme from ‘Schindler’s List’* by John Williams

***Doxology** (Tune: *Amazing Grace*)

**All: Praise God the Father, Praise His name
Praise Jesus Christ, Our Lord.
And praise the Spirit with them one
Now and forevermore.**

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Prayers of the People followed by The Lord’s Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

All: 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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sung Prayer Response

O Lord, Hear My Prayer (# 471)

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer,
When I call, answer me,
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer,
Come and listen to me. (Repeat)**

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~Going Forth to Serve God~

Life in Our Church Community

***Song of Sending Forth** *Hear the Good News of Salvation* # 441

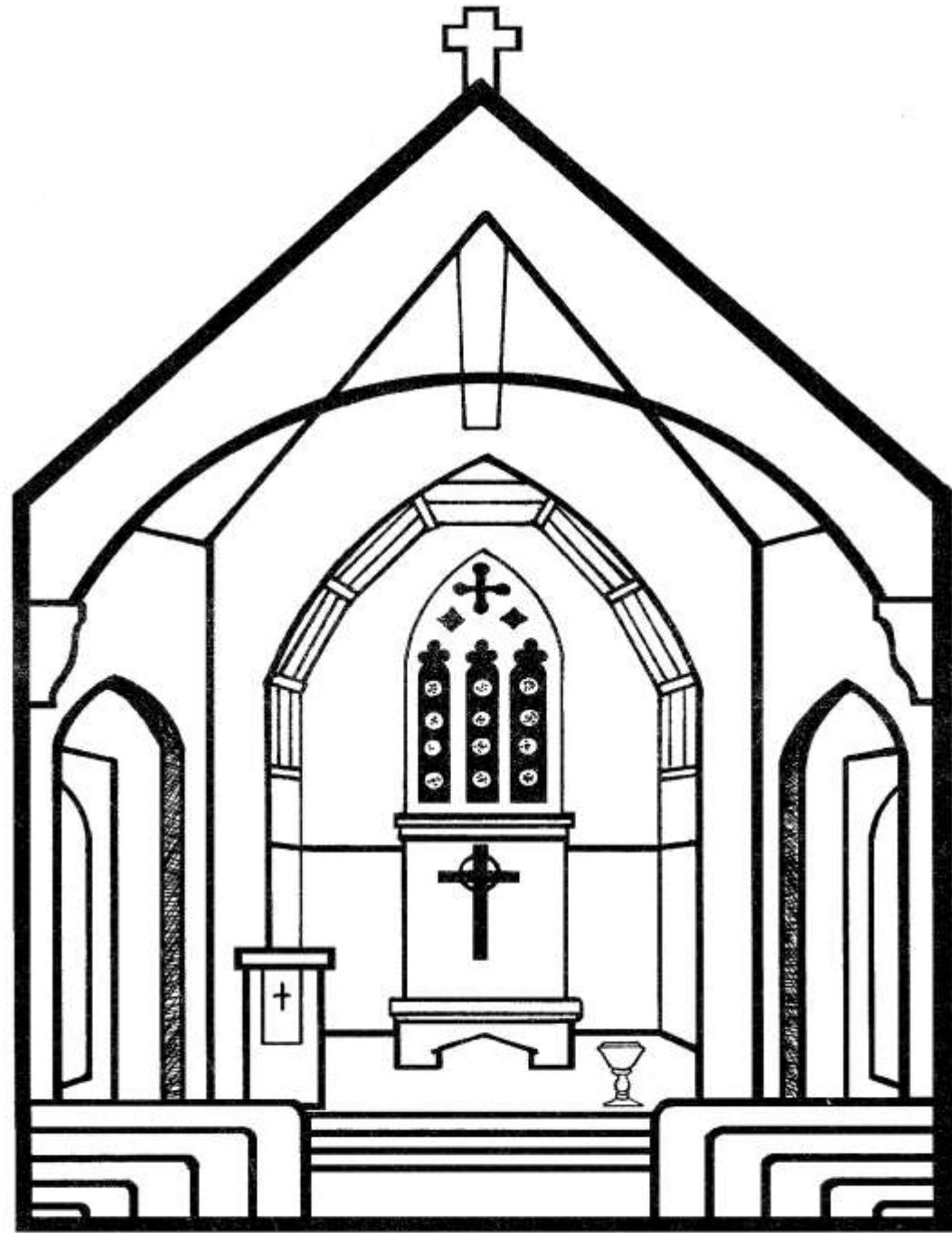
***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Chariots of Fire* by Vangelis

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***Please stand, if you are able.**

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