

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024

10:00 AM

Prelude: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee Rita Pittman
Welcome and Church Life Rev. Jonathon Kosec

*** Call to Worship**

Pastor: People of God, we gather for worship to practice joy; not because our lives are perfect, but because joy is resilient.

People: God's gift for every season and the wellspring of our heart of faith.

Pastor: When our sins feel heavy, and the world closes in upon us;

People: We practice joy.

Pastor: When we endure and practice joy together,

People: God is with us!

* Hymn # 222 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

*** Invocation**

Offering Praise Him, Praise Him

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Special Music I Cannot Tell Mark Pittman

Scripture Lesson Genesis 9:8-17 Diane Hartley

Sermon "Persistent Joy" Rev. Kosec

Hymn # 408 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn. # 676 "Go, My Children

Sending Prayer

*** Benediction**

Postlude: Down in my Heart Rita Pittman

*** You may choose to stand or remain seated.**

CHURCH LIFE

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given by Diane Hartley.

WELCOME TO YOU ALL: We are happy you chose to be with us this morning! Please be certain you sign our attendance sheets on the rear table before you leave.

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a special prayer request this morning, let Pastor Jon know before worship begins and it will be included. Thank you.

The Examen by Ignatius of Loyola

(This will be cited in Pastor's sermon this morning. You might choose to follow it in your daily Lenten devotion. It is usually done at the close of the day.)

1. Become aware of God's Presence.
2. Look back over your day with gratitude.
3. Pay careful attention to all the emotions you felt throughout the day.
4. Choose one emotion, moment, or experience to focus upon and pray over.
5. Look forward to the next day in prayer.

BIRTHDAYS

Anne Carter 2/29, Sue Fitz 2/20, Bob Ferguson 2/22

ANNIVERSARY

Ron & Joanne Hamilton 2/20

Head Usher: Hal Bates

Usher/Greeters:

Barb Whitman & Norma Jolly

Scripture Reading

Genesis 9: 8-17

Then God spoke to Noah and his sons: "I'm setting up my covenant with you including your children who will come after you, along with everything alive around you—birds, farm animals, wild animals—that came out of the ship with you. I'm setting up my covenant with you that never again will everything living be destroyed by floodwaters; no, never again will a flood destroy the Earth."

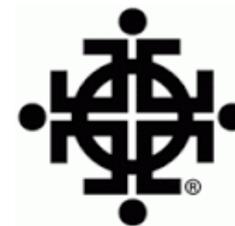
God continued, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and everything living around you and everyone living after you. I'm putting my rainbow in the clouds, a sign of the covenant between me and the Earth. From now on, when I form a cloud over the Earth and the rainbow appears in the cloud, I'll remember my covenant between me and you and everything living, that never again will floodwaters destroy all life. When the rainbow appears in the cloud, I'll see it and remember the eternal covenant between God and everything living, every last living creature on Earth."

And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I've set up between me and everything living on the Earth."

SIGN IN, PLEASE! We are blessed to have you with us today and we invite you to use the sign-in sheets on the Welcome Table.

Attendance Last Week: 72

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