



Our Mission: To serve and unite those we touch with the Grace of God.

Our Vision: Transforming lives to become the heart, hands and feet of Jesus in the world.

\*Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

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March 20, 2022

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

10:00 a.m. Service

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*For everyone's safety, please wear a mask for today's service.*



**Prelude**

“Be Thou My Vision”

- arr. Many

**Greeting and Announcements**

**Introit**

“Lord Be With Us in These Forty Days”

- Butler

**\*Call to Worship**

Into the daily cycle of our lives when all seems well with us and with the world, when our yoke is easy and the burden light,

**You break in and scatter our complacency into the daily cycle of our lives when we are comfortable and at our ease when the fire is lit but eyes are closed**

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You break in and challenge our dependency; You break into our daily prayers; humble hearts lay souls bare.

**You break in. You break in.**

You break in when defenses are down, with an Angel's shout or the quietest sound;

**You break in. You break in. And we change, and all things change when you break in.**

**\*Hymn #732/UMH** “Come, We That Love the Lord” verses 1, 3 and 4

**Prayer of Intention - *in Unison***

Keeper of the galaxies, You know us better than we know ourselves. By your Word, give us wisdom; by your Spirit, grant us healing; and set us free to serve you with love. We ask this through the One who heals in your name: Jesus the Anointed One. Amen.

**Anthem** “Seek Ye the Lord” *Paul and Karla Nichols, duet* - Roberts

**A Time with God’s Kids -***The children are invited up to the chancel steps. Following the shared time, they are welcome to go to Sunday school or return to sit with their families.*

**Centering Prayer/Time of Silence** ~ *please observe silence for prayer and meditation.*

**Sung Responsive Psalm 63** - trans. Nan C. Merrill “*Psalms for Praying*”

**Congregational Sung Refrain - *in Unison*** See Screen for Responsive Reading

**Return to God, with all your heart; the source of grace and mercy.**

**Come seek the tender faithfulness of God.**

**Hebrew Bible Reading** Isaiah 55:1-2; 6-9 CEB trans.

All of you who are thirsty, come to the water! Whoever has no money, come, buy food and eat! Without money, at no cost, buy wine and milk! Why spend money for what isn’t food, and your earnings for what doesn’t satisfy? Listen carefully to me and eat what is good; enjoy the richest of feasts.

Seek the Lord when he can still be found; call him while he is yet near. Let the wicked abandon their ways and the sinful their schemes. Let them return to the Lord so that he may have mercy on them, to our God, because he is generous with forgiveness. My plans aren’t your plans, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my plans than your plans.

**Gospel Reading** Luke 13:1-9 CEB trans.

Some who were present on that occasion told Jesus about the Galileans whom Pilate had killed while they were offering sacrifices. He replied, “Do you think the suffering of these Galileans proves that they were more sinful than all the other Galileans? No, I tell you

but unless you change your hearts and lives, you will die just as they did. What about those eighteen people who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them? Do you think that they were more guilty of wrongdoing than everyone else who lives in Jerusalem? No, I tell you, but unless you change your hearts and lives, you will die just as they did.”

Jesus told this parable: “A man owned a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He came looking for fruit on it and found none. He said to his gardener, ‘Look, I’ve come looking for fruit on this fig tree for the past three years, and I’ve never found any. Cut it down! Why should it continue depleting the soil’s nutrients?’ The gardener responded, ‘Lord, give it one more year, and I will dig around it and give it fertilizer. Maybe it will produce fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.’”

## Message

Pastor Amanda Lunemann

**The People’s Prayer** - see screen or handout ~ *by St. Francis of Assisi - 13th century*  
“Lord Make Me An Instrument of Your Peace” - arr. Marty Haugen  
Jim Lunemann, guitar recording; Joel Hartle, cantor

## **The Lord’s Prayer** - *in Unison*

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## Offertory

“Morning Song”

- Thygerson

## **\*Doxology** - set to Hymn #95 - *Projected*

Praise God throughout these forty days. Praise Christ, Our Lord, whom God did raise. And praise the Spirit who imparts God’s love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

## **\*Offertory Prayer**

All things come from Thee O Lord.  
And of Thine own have we given Thee.

**\*Hymn TFWS#2241** “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve” verses 1 and 4

## **\*Blessing and Benediction**

## **\*Song of Peace**

Go in peace, my friend, till we meet again.  
May God’s blessing be on you, may you be a blessing too.  
May God’s Spirit burning bright, be your ever-guiding light.  
God go with you, making all things new.

*We will be singing “Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace” all through lent. PLEASE leave this purple handout in the pews. Where available, kindly place them in the wooden slot on the back of the pew in front of you. Otherwise set it on the chair. Thank you.*

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**PLEASE NOTE:** Pastor Amanda will be out working off-site Monday, March 21st through Thursday, March 24th. She will be answering all phone calls and e-mails at this time. Any emergency on-site pastor visits or needs will be handled by member Rick Fossum (former pastor).

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As March turns the spotlight on women’s history, let’s shed light on Elizabeth Upham Yates, a pioneering suffrage worker who lived to see her dreams come true. Yates was one of the earliest women in the Methodist Episcopal Church to receive a license to preach. She became the first woman to run for high state office after the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920.

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**WORSHIP HELPERS:** Serving us **TODAY** ~ Greeter: Alvera Zenisek; Usher: James Milne; Sound: Dave Chmielewski; Liturgist: Chuck Loveless; Acolyte: Alaina Chmielewski

**WORSHIP HELPERS:** Serving us **Sunday, March 27, 2022** ~ 10:00 a.m. service: Greeter: Rick Fossum; Usher: Sean Litterer; Sound: Tom Litterer; Liturgist: James Milne; Acolyte: Max Halsted;

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