

CONFRONTING THE POWERS



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Journey of the Spirit— Week 1

Lent is a journey to Easter by way of the cross. To complete the journey, we must travel down difficult paths.

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We Connect With Each Other

Prelude

Our Great Band

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Ken Heintzelman



Beginning Our Journey

"Imagine" by John Lennon and Yoko Ono

Shared by Our Great Band

Call to Worship

Led by Gordon Schneider

One: This is a sacred time; this is a sacred place.

All: This is our place—for questions more so than answers, for vulnerability more so than strength, for peace more so than knowledge.

One: So let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life.

All: We often remind each other about taking a comprehensive view of life. Not every Moment is joyful; not every moment is filled with hope.

One: We still take comfort and encouragement in the goodness of life on its as-is basis. Life and the living of it is filled with deep goodness.

(Silence)

One: We are fully present as worship begins.

Singing Our Faith

Come All Spirit

Text by members of the Ecumenical Institute;

Tune: Ode to Joy

1. Come all spirits roaming freely,
Bind your will in common thrust.
Stand beneath the gaze of neighbor,
Ready to obey their trust.
Take within yourself the burden,
Peace on earth, good will my friend.
All the world is now your parish,
Every spirit yours to win.
2. Let the light that fights with darkness
Show your rights on every hand.
Place your share upon the table
Burn it at the Lord's command.
Speak with lightning when the shadows
Blind the eyes of those you love;
Never let the clouds of winning
Block the glorious sun above.
3. Heed the cries that sound your passion,
Bleed with every struggling one.
Will that you might live to free them,
Speak the word, the deed be done.
Launch with those who share the vision
To expand our destiny;
In the life that's born of drowning,
Sail with friends who wage the sea.

What We Need and What We Give

Celebrations

Rev. Ken Heintzelman and Travis Meyers

This is time for our community to acknowledge life events (birthdays, anniversaries and other celebrations) and moments of grace and peace.

I feel good (echo) I feel good

I feel great (echo) I feel great

I think it's time (echo) I think it's time

To celebrate (echo) to celebrate

Whether it's your birthday, anniversary, or you're just having a good day

We're glad you're here (echo) we're glad you're here

To celebrate (echo) to celebrate

We celebrate (echo) We celebrate

Your being here (echo) your being here

With being itself in history (echo) history

No matter who, or what, or where you are on the journey of life

You're welcome here (echo) you're welcome here

To celebrate

We're glad you're here (echo) we're glad you're here

To celebrate

Yeah!



Invitation to Give

Shared by Gordon Schneider

The grief of the world and our own pain threaten to overwhelm us sometimes. What can we do? We can do little things in the spirit of love. We give, and in our acts of giving, we participate in God' work.

Offertory

Shared by the Cornerstone Chorale

Rockalluia

Arr. by John Cacavas

Dedication of Offering

Shared by Gordon Schneider

God's Kin-dom begins to emerge wherever people are kind to one another, wherever people give out of their sense of abundance, wherever humans reach out in compassion. It is here among us already. May our acts of giving and service energize and strengthen its emergence.

The Story of the Table and the Words of Institution

Led by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

One: For the power of love in human life and history, we give thanks and praise.

All: Long ago our ancestors knew love's power and they became the tellers of love's tale. Love bound them in covenant, teaching them to live in community with compassion and concern for the poorest among them.

One: Yet centuries of domination and violence shaped a different kind of community based on selfishness and inequality.

All: In the struggle against oppression, Jesus became the face of love, showing us the way to abundant life. On the night of his betrayal and arrest, he shared a meal with his friends.

One: Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his followers, saying: "Share this bread among you; this is my body which will be broken for justice. Do this to remember me." Then when supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Share this wine among you; this is my blood which will be shed for liberation. Do this to remember me."

The Invitation to the Table

Led by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

The table is ready. All are welcome.

Come, for the feast is spread.

The bread of life is for all who hunger.

The cup of compassion is given for a broken world.

Inviting Servers and Everyone to Share

Shared by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

***Please come forward because all are welcome.
Our communion bread is gluten-free at both stations.***

Lenten and Communion offerings this year will replenish Shadow Rock's Pastor's Charitable Fund. Please use the purple Lent envelopes for the offering plates and for the communion baskets. Since Christmas, requests to Pastor's Charitable have grown in volume and urgency. The needs of our community are many.



**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.**

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
Woman or man, no more.

Chorus

2. Many the gifts, many the works,
One in the Lord of all.

Chorus

3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
Gathered to one, for all.

Chorus

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees,
When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Prayer After the Meal

Shared by Rev. Ken Heintzeman

May this meal nourish, strengthen and renew us.

Learning Something of Value

Word About Life—Ephesians 6: 10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Word About Life for Today

Shared by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

Words for Mission

Shared by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

One: We belong to one another. This belonging blesses our lives and provides us with our greatest challenges.

All: We belong to the Universe. We seek to live in this truth and denounce any message to the contrary.

One: Our spirit of belonging, our responsibility to Creation, unites us to God and to life on this planet. These are the times.

All: We are the people.

One: All of Creation is blessed!

All: May we love all and serve all!

One: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Amen.

All: Amen.

The world is hungry for justice,
God's word will point the way.
The One who came to speak the truth,
to challenge those who say:
that we need not care for strangers,
the sick, the lost, the poor,
the voiceless ones, the outcast,
the honored guests of God.

Chorus

O come, O come sweet justice, come.

O come, O come sweet justice, come.

When will we learn how to see them,
each one a child of God?

When will our voices raise for them,
to demand their stories heard?

Do we wait until all hope is gone,
their songs to die away?

With passion we must rise up -
Risk in the name of God.

Chorus

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