

CONFRONTING THE POWERS



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Journey of the Spirit— Week 2

Lent is a voice shouting in the wilderness: Prepare the way for God's Reign. Smooth and straighten the paths for the coming of the Holy One.

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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 Please stand if you are comfortably able.

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.

1. Great Creator God, you call us through the church to do your will.
Stewards of both past and promise,
may we each our work fulfill.
Building up in faith and nurture Christ's own mission,
lively still.
2. Christ still calls to peace and justice,
health and wholeness, love and grace.
We are partners in that mission
for this time and in this place.
O God, grant us sense and courage
in the daily tasks we face.
3. Without vision, people perish,
without challenge, drift and die.
Give us then the tools of daring and the clarity of eye.
For creating in the present visions
far and wide and high.

What We Need and What We Give

Prayers of the Community

Led by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

Celebrations

Rev. Ken Heintzelman and Travis Meyers

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 journey through Lent to Easter is a work of preparation. Giving prepares our hearts for new depths of compassion and joy. All along the journey, we participate in God's work.

Offertory

Shared by the Cornerstone Chorale

We Will Walk in the Light

By Don Besig

Dedication of Offering

Shared by Gordon Schneider

We are called to be yeast in the dough, a light on a stand, the salt that retains its flavor. May our acts of giving and service energize, encourage, and strengthen one another and our community beyond Shadow Rock.

Learning Something of Value

Word About Life

Acts 9: 1-17

Shared by Karen Richter

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?"



The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

Word About Life for Today

Shared by Karen Richter

Words for Mission

Shared by Karen Richter

One: We belong to one another. This belonging is both challenge and blessing. Here on this mountain, we seek to experiment with compassionate community.

All: We belong to Spirit. Here on this mountain, we seek to live in solidarity with life on this planet. Whenever possible, we will disrupt the cycles of violence that threaten our fellow travelers.

One: Here we stand, together. Let those who have ears to hear, listen! 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.



Sending Forth

Come and Go with Me to That Land

Traditional

1. Come and go with me to that land
Come and go with me to that land
Come and go with me to that land
Where I'm bound.
Come and go with me to that land
Come and go with me to that land
Come and go with me to that land
Where I'm bound.
2. There'll be singin' in that land...
Where I'm bound.
3. There'll be freedom in that land...
Where I'm bound.

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