

THE BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND CUP
THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

(Please come forward using the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup and receive the gifts of God; return to your pew using the center aisle.)

*HYMN OF SENDING ~ #2168

"Love the Lord Your God"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE **"Sanctuary"**
Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living,
Sanctuary for you.

POSTLUDE

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We will meet each Wednesday evening at 6:30pm for a simple soup supper and then at 7:15pm for worship. Please join us. Next week's symbol will be "The Bag of Coins."

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*The Symbols of Lent ~
The Basin & Towel*





7:15 PM



Welcome to worship with the Fairgreen family!
The * symbol means, "All who are able, please stand."

Mid-week Lenten Service

PRELUDE

CENTERING PRAYER
CALL TO AWARENESS

We gather as pilgrims on a journey of faith.

We come seeking the awareness of God's presence as we travel on.

We come seeking light for our darkness, strength in our weakness.

Shine in our hearts, O God, with the light of your love. Make your presence known through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #92

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

CALL TO CONFESSION
UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In Christ you came among us, O God, not to condemn but to seek and to save that which was lost.

In Christ, you called us, not because we were righteous, but because we were in need of a Savior.

In Christ you have shown us the truth about you and ourselves.

Forgive us, O God, and renew in us a clean heart and a right spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE WORD OF THE LORD

HYMN OF ILLUMINATION #322

(Please remain seated)

"Spirit of the Living God"

FIRST READING

Psalm 63 (Assorted Verses)

SPECIAL MUSIC

SECOND READING
REFLECTION ~

John 13: 1-20
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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF FAITH #513

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O God. You created us to live in communion with you, yet we turned away. You spoke through your prophet Joel saying: Return to me with all your heart, for I am gracious and merciful, slow to anger and a bounding in steadfast love.

We come tonight, knowing our failings but trusting in your steadfast mercies.

Thanks be to you, Holy God, for steadfast mercy. You are holy and blessed is your child Jesus Christ. Your Spirit flowed through his life as he became the bridge for our reconciliation. In this season we remember his life and work.

We remember your gift of Baptism. We reflect on the mystery of the cross. We dare to ponder the resurrection.

On his final evening with his disciples, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me." After supper Jesus did the same with the cup, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood." In remembrance of these your mighty acts on our behalf, we bring our whole selves to you, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and cup. May this meal be for us signs of your gracious mercy: forgiveness of our sins and promise of salvation.

To you be all praise and glory, Holy God, now and forever. Amen.