

Worship Guide for the 1st Sunday in Lent

Sunday, February 21, 2021

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

And also with you

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

God's mercy endures for ever.

Hymn: We are the Church

UMH #558, vv. 1 - 3

Refrain:

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!

All who follow Jesus, all around the world!

Yes, we're the church together!

Verse 1

The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,

The church is not a resting place, the church is a people.

Verse 2

We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces,

All colors and all ages, too, from all times and places.

Verse 3

Sometimes the church is marching, sometimes it's bravely burning

Sometimes its riding, sometimes hiding, always it's learning.

Opening prayer

O God, maker of every thing and judge of all that you have made,

from the dust of the earth you have formed us and from the dust of death you would raise us up.

By the redemptive power of the cross, create in us clean hearts and put within us a new spirit,

that we may repent of our sins and lead lives worthy of your calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture lesson: Genesis 9: 8 – 17

Gospel lesson: Mark 1: 9 – 15

The Word of God, for us the people of God

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE: Climb the Rainbow



SONG BEFORE TIME OF PRAYER: *Nothing Can Trouble*

*Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.*

*Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten
God alone fills us.*

Hymn: *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* TFWS #2200

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (after each time of silence, we'll finish with the words "Lord in your mercy" and you are invited to respond, "**Hear our prayer.**")

Together let us pray:
For the people of this congregation....
For those who suffer and those in trouble....
For the concerns of this local community....
For the world, it's peoples, and it's leaders....
For the Church universal- it's leaders, it's members, and it's mission....
In communion with the saints...

The Lord's Prayer:

**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.**

OFFERING

This is an opportunity to share the goodness that has been given to you. Consider sending an offering to Centenary, either online through the website, www.centenaryfaith.org, or by sending a check to PO Box 630, Skowhegan, ME 04976. You are also invited to support an organization or church in our local community that is making a positive difference in people's lives.

CLOSING HYMN: *When the Church of Jesus* UMH #592

*When the church of Jesus shuts its outer door,
lest the roar of traffic drown the voice of prayer,
may our prayers, Lord, make us ten times more aware
that the world we banish is our Christian care.*

*If our hearts are lifted where devotion soars
high above this hungry, suffering world of ours,
lest our hymns should drug us to forget its needs,
forge our Christian worship into Christian deeds.*

*Lest the gifts we offer, money, talents, time,
serve to salve our conscience, to our secret shame,
Lord, reprove, inspire us by the way you give;
teach us, dying Savior, how true Christians live.*

BENEDICTION