



PRELUDE J.S. Bach Concerto in A Minor,
BWV 1041, 2nd Movement
- Ian Alvarez, Vibraphone

Note: Ian will be accompanied by recorded piano music, so you won't actually see anybody playing piano in the sanctuary!

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

As we begin the season of Lent,
let us be led by the Spirit,

**even if the path to the promised land
leads through the desert,**

through hunger and doubt and temptation;

**even if we are led
where we would rather not go.**

Yet we choose to be led by the Spirit

**and end our journey
rejoicing in the Lord our God.**

HYMN #15 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

**Faithful God, who created us in love,
renew us in love
as we open our hearts to you in worship.**

**Jesus the Christ,
who redeemed this world in love,
reclaim our lives
as we offer ourselves to you in worship.
Life-giving Spirit,
who moves this world forward in love,
move within us as we worship.**

RESPONSE #630 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

**Jesus, our Lord and friend, you have told us
that life is gained by losing it, giving it away,
and letting it go. We confess that these words
frighten us, for we are often unwilling to
release control. Yet during this Lenten season
we ask that you teach us what it means to let
go, that we might be embraced by divine love,
forever beyond our control and forever
bountiful in mercy.**

(time for silent prayers and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE—from Romans 8:37-39

Friends in Christ, hear this good news:

*"In all things we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us.
For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Receive God's unconditional
and always-available love,
and live in love as God's children.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #308 *O God in Whom All Life Begins*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Philippians 2:1-8
Luke 18:9-14

MESSAGE Deadly Sins and Life-Giving Virtues:
Pride and Humility

HYMN #693 *The Gift of Love*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory
now and forever. Amen.*

HYMN #307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." John
20:21