First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

Socrament of the Lord's Sunner

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Affirmation of Faith - Apostles Creed

The Peace of Christ Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Hymn: #378 "We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom"

1. We wait the peaceful kingdom when wolf and lamb shall lie in gentleness and friendship without a fear or sigh, when lion shall be grazing, when snake shall never strike; a little child shall lead us both strong and weak alike

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

- 2. Where is the peaceful kingdom? When will this new day start? We long for peace and comfort to reign within each heart. Yet not in our lives only, nor simply in our home we pray that all creation will one day find shalom.
- 3. When wars of desolation and hate come to an end, when nation meets with nation and call the other "friend," still peace in all its fullness will only have begun: shalom for all creation begins with justice done.

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "These Forty Days" Robert Powell

Invocation

*Hymn: #22 "God of the Sparrow" (see download)

Prayer of Confession Assurance of Pardon

*Response: Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me. (p.#698)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "More Love to Thee" James Southbridge

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #370 "This Is My Father's World" (see download)

Scripture Reading: Genesis 9:8-13

8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 9"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, 10and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. 11I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." 12God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: 13I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

Sermon: The Sign of the Bow

4. That little child shall lead us to walk the chosen way, to share the peaceful kingdom, to greet God's newborn day. The child born in a stable is sent to break our chains, to bring through word and table the Day when justice reigns.

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude:

"The Thirty Second Psalm: Happy Are They Whose Transgressions Are Forgiven"

Marcello

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

> The Sanctuary Flowers are in Honor of Emily Birch on the occasion of her Birthday Given by her husband

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Diep Ngoc & Anh Tran

ANNOUNCEMENTS

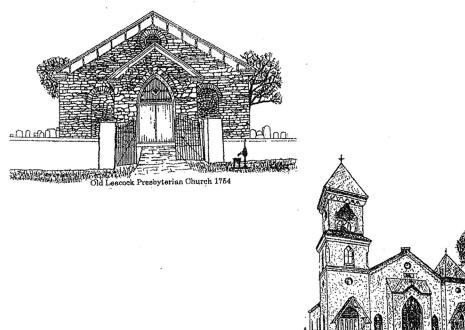
Today is Communion Sunday.

The Way of Healing -A Lenten Study

Starting **today** and continuing for 5 weeks, we will have our **Lenten Study at 5:30** Sunday evening on Zoom. This year we will reflect on healing, the healing Jesus gave and gives, according to Scripture, and the healing we need.

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