

I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh.

Genesis 9:15

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. **Psalm 25:6**

Jesus was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit. **1 Peter 3:18b**

He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. **Mark 1:13**

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THE FONT OF IDENTITY

+Introit (2x)

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be,
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.

Proclamation

In life and death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God,
whom alone we worship and serve.

Call to Prayer

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord

Prayer

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+Hymn 291 (v. 1-2)

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

Prayer for Wholeness

O Love, You are my Beloved, and I long for You,
my soul thirsts for You;
All that is within me thirsts,
as in a dry and barren land with no water.

Transform the fears that seem to separate me from You;
make them disappear!

Diminish each fear, as I face them,
that they may be gone as in a dream when I awaken.

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

Passing the Peace

Blessing the World

China, Tibet, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau

First Pew

Welcome and Parish Life

Minute for Mission

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THE WORD OF HOPE

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Mark 1:9-13

Sermon

“Into the Wilderness”

+Hymn 291 (v. 3-4)

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion

Response Hymn 502 (v. 2, 4)

“We Who Once Were Dead”

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

Credo

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Charge and Benediction

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+Sending Hymn 44 (v. 3, 4)

“Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us”

Life began in the garden, but
faith began in the desert.

Source Unknown

The desert loves to strip bare.

Saint Jerome

The significance of desert and
mountain is not who resides
here, but what we ourselves
have left behind in coming.

David Douglas

For the garden is the only
place there is, but you will not
find it until you have looked
for it everywhere and found it
nowhere that is not a desert.

W. H. Auden

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+Hymns

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Sunday, February 21 • First Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar via Zoom
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship via Facebook Live!
12:30 p.m. More Light Group meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, February 23

7:30 p.m. Teach the Preacher via Zoom

Wednesday, February 24

7:30 p.m. Lenten Reflection via Zoom

Thursday, February 25

2:00 p.m. Confirmation class (8-9 grade) via Zoom
7:00 p.m. Eastertide Worship planning team via Zoom

Saturday, February 27

9:30 a.m. Shenandoah Presbytery meeting via Zoom

Sunday 28 • Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16; Psalm 22:23–31; Romans 4:13–25; Mark 8:31–38

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar via Zoom
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship via Facebook Live!

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INTO THE WILDERNESS: A Lenten Journey through Worship, Feb. 21-Mar. 28. Our theme for the season of Lent invites us to join Jesus with the “wild beasts” in the wilderness. What do we learn about God and ourselves when life as we know it is stripped down to its core? How do we carry what we learn in the desert into our ministries of justice and compassion? Consider these questions and more as we worship God through the Season of Lent. Special thanks to Adrienne Asam for liturgical art in this Season.

SUNDAY SEMINAR 2021 continues our explorations of racism and racial justice by reading *How to be an Antiracist* by Ibram Kendi. Feb. 28: Chapters 9 & 10.

MORE LIGHT GROUP. Join us today, **Sunday, Feb. 21 at 12:30 p.m.** to discuss ideas for events, opportunities and goals for 2021. We look forward

to seeing familiar faces, and we welcome new ones as well.

WHAT IT MEANS TO RISE FROM THE DEAD: Mid-Week Lenten Reflections. Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom, beginning Feb. 24. Even the disciples who are closest to Jesus debate with each other what it is “to rise from the dead” (Mark 9:10). How do we wrestle with this central Christian teaching, in the midst of a pandemic? As we work for social justice? As we face a climate crisis? Weekly gatherings on Wednesdays in Lent will reflect on these questions and more with music, art, story, and contemplation. Come to them all, or drop in as you can. Feb. 24: What It Means to *Live!*

COFFEE TALK with Pastor Gusti continues Sunday, March 7, 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. A time to check in on how things are going and dream big for our ministry to come.

Season of Lent

First Sunday

February 21, 2021

11:00 a.m.

The Wasteland, excerpt

Here is no water but only rock
Rock and no water and the sandy road
The road winding above among the mountains
Which are mountains of rock without water
If there were water we should stop and drink
Amongst the rock one cannot stop or think
Sweat is dry and feet are in the sand
If there were only water amongst the rock

T. S. Eliot

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