

Laurel Park United Methodist Church

First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021 @ 9:30 am

Musical Prelude

Gathering Prayer

Teri Harris

Liturgist: Faithful God, you called all creatures into being, and you care for each one. Send your grace upon your people gathered here, that we may follow your ways of truth, and walk in the paths of steadfast love, proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Welcome & Announcements

Teri Harris

Passing of the Peace

CALL TO WORSHIP.

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Liturgist: Come, Beloved! Let us worship!

People: We are gathered to worship the One in whom we place our trust!

Liturgist: God, who does all things well, is here! God is among God's people!

People: God is merciful, and God is kind!

All: Together, we have come to praise the One Who keeps covenant and decrees! Let us worship!

Hymn of Adoration

Joys & Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Josette L. Franklin

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.**

Song of Preparation

Teri Harris

Reading from the Old Testament – Genesis 9:8-17 (NRSV)

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,

¹⁰ and 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.

¹¹ I 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.”

¹² God 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:

¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds,

¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”

¹⁷ God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Sermon & Invitation to Discipleship

Pastor Josette L. Franklin

Our Tithes and Offerings

Teri Harris

Hymn of Closing

Benediction

Pastor Josette L. Franklin

"Go In Peace. Thank you for Worshipping with us Today!"