

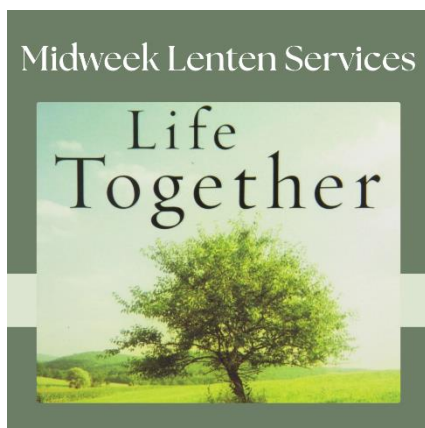
# Welcome to worship!

March 13, 2024

Noon & 6:15pm



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## Pastoral Staff

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**Ministers: All Baptized Members**

Today's Worship Leaders

Production Leader: Jarod Griswold

Musician: Trevor DuPey

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ELW – red hymnal | ACS – purple hymnal

Prelude & Welcome to Worship

Gathering Song ELW #712 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

Lenten Litany (based on Psalm 133)

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.**

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained THE blessing – life forevermore.

**Help us, Lord, to live together in unity with all those around us.**

Prayer

Lesson | Ephesians 4:25—5:2

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Conversation & Reflection | Pastor Becky Goche

Bonhoeffer writes: "The first service one owes to others in the community involves listening to them. Just as our love for God begins with listening to God's Word, the beginning of love for other Christians is learning to listen to them."

*\*Think of a time you have received the gift of listening from others. What difference did it make in your life?*

*\*How can our community become more skilled in the practice of listening to one another?*

Bonhoeffer writes: "The second service one should perform for another person in a Christian community is active helpfulness...Nobody is too good for the lowest service. Those who worry about the loss of time entailed by such small, external acts of helpfulness are usually taking their own work too seriously. We must be ready to allow ourselves to be interrupted by God."

*\*When have you been "interrupted by God" in the form of someone in need of help? What did you do? How did you feel about it?*

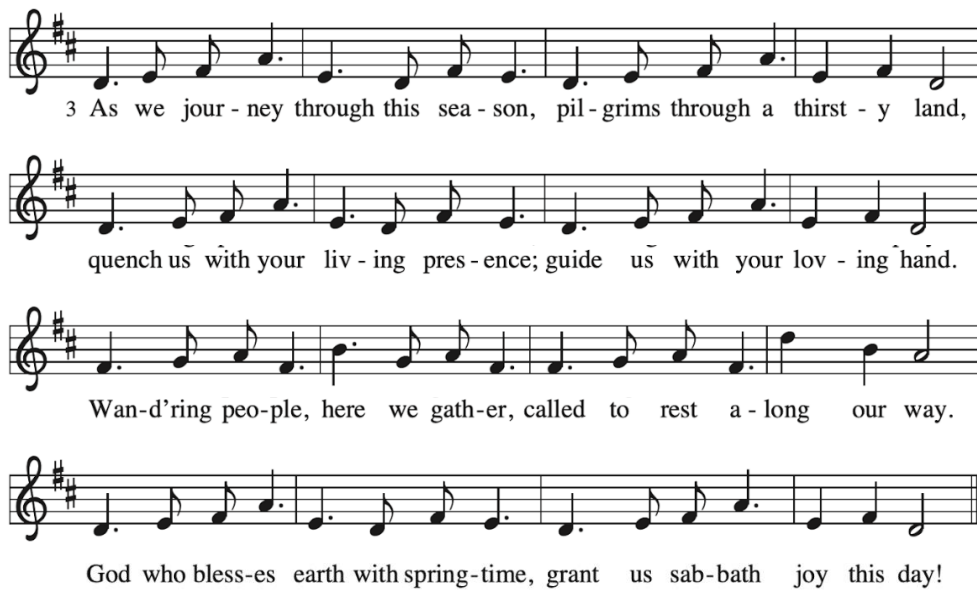
Bonhoeffer writes: "We speak of the service involved in bearing with others. 'Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ' (Gal. 6:2). Thus the law of Christ is a law of forbearance. Forbearance means enduring and suffering."

*\*What are some of the things that you have a hard time bearing in a relationship with others? With yourself?*

*\*How can we develop patience to bear what is difficult about others and about ourselves?*

Special Music (6:15) | Bethany Eber

## Prayers of the People | ACS #924 As the Winter Days Grow Longer (vs 3 only)



3 As we jour - ney through this sea - son, pil - grims through a thirst - y land,  
quench us with your liv - ing pres - ence; guide us with your lov - ing hand.  
Wan - d'ring peo - ple, here we gath - er, called to rest a - long our way.  
God who bless - es earth with spring - time, grant us sab - bath joy this day!

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953  
Music: SŴO GŴN, Welsh melody  
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*Prayers of the People:*  
**Everyone sing Verse 3 all the way through.**  
We pray for the church...  
Hear us, O Lord. **Sing the first line of Verse 3.**  
We pray for the world...  
Hear us, O Lord. **Sing the second line of Verse 3.**  
We pray for the nations...  
Hear us, O Lord. **Sing the third line of Verse 3.**  
We pray for those in need...  
Hear us O Lord. **Sing the fourth line of Verse 3.**  
We remember... Hear us, O Lord. **Sing Verse 3 all the way through.**

### Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray. **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 and ever. Amen.**

### Announcements

#### Benediction/Blessing

**Amen.**

#### Sending Song ELW #335 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

#### Dismissal & Postlude

Go in peace. Share your bread. **Thanks be to God.**

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