

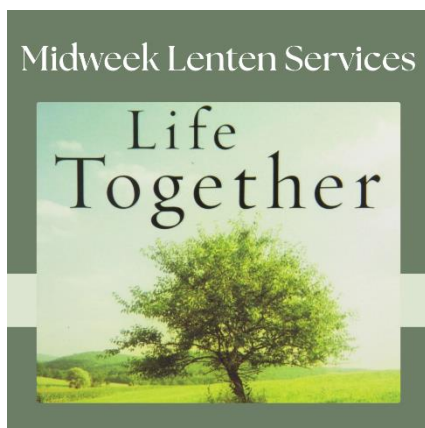
Welcome to worship!

March 6, 2024

Noon & 6:15pm



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Today's Worship Leaders

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ELW – red hymnal | ACS – purple hymnal

Prelude & Welcome to Worship

Gathering Song ELW #597 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

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 | Romans 8:18-27

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

Conversation & Reflection | Pastor Mark Kvale

Bonhoeffer writes: "The Christian community is not a spiritual sanatorium. Those who take refuge in community while fleeing from themselves are misusing it to indulge in empty talk and distraction, not matter how spiritual this idle talk and distraction may appear."

**What are some of the ways you flee from taking time for personal reflection and silence?*

**How can we encourage one another to appreciate the gift of silence?*

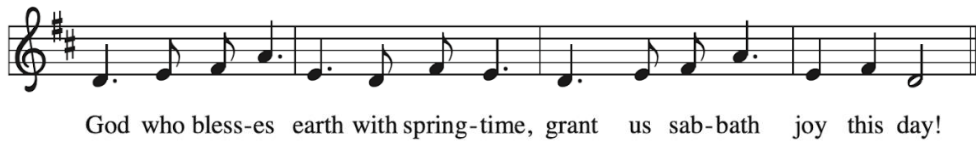
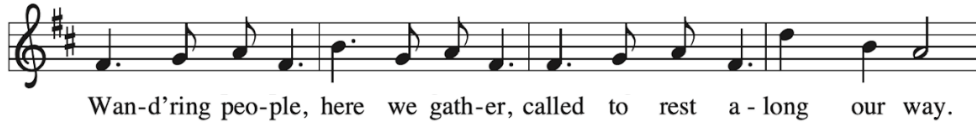
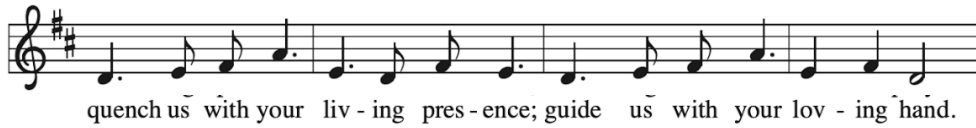
Bonhoeffer writes: "There are three things for which the Christian needs a regular time alone during the day: Meditation on Scripture, prayer, and intercession. All three should find a place in the daily period of meditation."

**Do you practice daily meditation? If so, what does this look like for you?*

**How important is it to you to tend and care for your own spiritual well-being?*

Special Music (6:15) | Marcus Eber

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



Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953
Music: SŴŌ 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 #327 Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow

Dismissal & Postlude

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

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