

LENT

Lent is a period of 40 days leading up to Easter Sunday. The word Lent comes from the Old English word meaning, “the lengthening of days,” or, put another way: Spring! It is a time of self-examination, fasting, prayer, meditation on God’s word, and turning back toward God. Because it is a time of repentance, churches around the world have traditionally observed Lent by removing decorations from the altar, including flowers, and changing the colors in the sanctuary to purple. Purple is the color of royalty and symbolizes the royalty of Christ as King above all kings.

GIVE IT UP FOR LENT

So why “give something up” for Lent? It’s simple really: to increase our dependence on Christ. The point of our sacrifice is not to get a good grade from God, but to grow in our capacity to love God and love our neighbor, which we do through spiritual discipline

Order of Service

March 22nd 2020 ~ 4th Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Living Prayer
Ron Block

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

by Bruce Prewer

Come to us, Healer of hurts.

Touch us with Your fingers and we shall be saved.

Come to broken hearts and grieving spirits,
to wild anxieties and lost sanity.

Mend us and we shall be whole.

Come to rocky marriages and sore divorces,
to sleepless nights and lost self-confidence.

Mend us and we shall be whole.

Come to weary wills and dried-up love,
to abandoned hopes and lost faith.

Mend us and we shall be whole.

Healer of hurts, Lord of perfect wholeness,

Come to us with your holiness;

*Let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of Your peace. Amen.*

Hymn of Praise

On Eagle's Wings

Opening Prayer

from *Revised Common Lectionary*

O Jesus Christ, teacher and healer, You heard the cry of the blind beggar when others would have silenced him.

Teach us to be persistent in prayer and give us courage to ask plainly what we need from You, that we might respond in Your name by the power of the Spirit through the ministry entrusted to us for the sake of the gospel. Amen.

Special Music

Voice of Truth
Mark Hall & Steven Curtis Chapman

Scripture Reading

John 9: 1-25 New International Version (NIV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

In the Place of Unknowing and Unseeing
Associate Pastor Charla Belinski

Offertory

My Hope
Matt Redman

Doxology

WS #144, Kyrie Eleison Have Mercy

Blessing of the Bread & Wine

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Communion

One Bread, One Body

Closing Prayer

Psalm 23 ~New King James
Version (NKJV)

A Psalm of David

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.
3 He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.
4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
Forever. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

Amazing Grace

Blessing

Postlude

Our love in action now begins...

Prayer Corner

*Men & Women of the U.S.
Armed Services*

*For all who are impacted by
and in need due to COVID-19*

*Snowmass Chapel staff &
pastors*

Alanna Aine
Albinas and family
Amador DiMento Family
Harold Arnold
George Baker
Kelly Blakemore
Boehringer family
Linda Bowman
Lisa Bush
Ned and Jan Cochran
Bob Cook
Elise D'Amico
Fred Dick & Tammy Baar
Uriah Donnelly
Duke
Becky Flanigan
Flanscha family
Sarah Gessele
Carol Guadin
Gwen and Fred
Alice H
Mary Hardwick
Peter Helburn
Karen Hershberger
Judy Humbarger
Dee & Lexi Jensen
Family of The Rev. David Jones
Charles Kennedy
Karla Kipling
Family of Erazim Kohak
LaSalle family
Tina Hwang Lee
Paul & Markita Lerch
Reese Lewis
Randy & Susan Linden
Susan Lindstrom
Pat Mabray
Marie's friend
Del McCuen
Shirley Millard
Jane Mitchell
Moss family
Linda Perkich
Marcia Plotkin
Danetta Powell
Rachel
Susan Ressler
John Roach III
Kyle Roach
Chad Rogers
Tabitha Salas
Ian Sanderson
Saul, Vicki & family
Jakob Schwaiger
Shechter family
Alex Sparhawk
Bonnie Wasli
Whitney Wickes
Marilyn Woods
Johnny Wright