

## Order of Worship for

### A Service for the Lord's Day

#### The First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024

*\*Please stand as you are able*

#### \*GATHERING SONG #399 God Welcomes All

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also, with you.**

Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

#### PRELUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King      Geistliche Kirchengesang, arr. Keveren

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

There are some journeys for which we long.

**But the journey to the cross looks as though it will be difficult.**

The way of discipleship and faith can indeed be difficult. We often  
cannot see more than one step at a time.

**We would prefer something easier, a bit more predictable.**

Hear this, beloved sons and daughters of God, the Savior proclaims  
“put your hearts at ease. You are not traveling alone. I am with you  
unto the end.”

**With God's help, we can accomplish this life, a life of growth and challenge, love, and lament.**

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Amen.

#### \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

#### \*Hymn #166 Lore, Who Throughout These Forty Days

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you shower our lives and our world with love, yet we too  
often turn away from your blessing. There are little annoyances  
each day, but they pile up into a mountainous burden that becomes  
a curse on our lives. Free us from our unwise choices, O God.

When we are distracted and confused, redirect our attention to  
the abundant opportunities to experience your direct love.

During this Lenten journey, focus our hearts on you, that  
we may choose the blessing of salvation offered us each day  
through Jesus Christ, in whom we pray. Amen. *Moment of silence*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Believe the good news: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

### **\*PRAISE RESPONSE # 595 Holy, Holy, Holy**

**Holy, Holy, Holy. My heart, my heart adores you!**

**My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord.**

## **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **\*GLORIA PATRI #581**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen, amen.**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING** 1 Peter 3:18-22

**PSALTER** Psalm 25:1-10

Refrain: **"Lord, you are my strength; hasten to help me."**

**SECOND READING** Mark 1:9-15

**SERMON** "Beginning Again" Rev. Jane Herring

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**OFFERTORY** Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart Frederick Atkinson

### **\*DOXOLOGY #606**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise God all creatures here below**

**Praise God above ye heavenly hosts**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*HYMN #465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

### **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

Guide Me, Oh Thou Great Jehovah                      John Hughes, arr. Jay Rouse

*Serving today in worship:*

John Sevier, Worship Leader    Claire Cope, Pianist

Jan Russell, Liturgist Rev. Jane Herring, Minister

-Every Wednesday in Lent: Lectio Divina 6-6:30 with a simple Lenten shared meal  
Please contact Jane to sign up to bring one of the Lenten meals for sharing. 615-818-9727

Ongoing:

Prayer Group. Wednesdays at 6p

Worship Committee Mtg (every 2nd Sunday)

Session Meeting (3rd Monday)

Mission/Fellowship Committee Mtg (3rd Sunday)

Welcome Visitors! Do you have questions about Emmanuel or the Presbyterian Church, USA? Please feel free to reach out to Pastor Jane on her cell (call/text) 615-818-9727 or email at [janemherring@gmail.com](mailto:janemherring@gmail.com)