



**Morning Worship  
10:00 AM  
February 28, 2021  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

## ***GATHERING AROUND THE WORD***

### **RINGING OF THE BELLS**

### **GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Rev. Seth Finch

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And Also with you.**

### **PRELUDE**

*What if I could learn to trust my feelings instead of asking to be delivered from them? What if I could follow one of my great fears all the way to the edge of the abyss, take a breath, and keep going? Isn't there a chance of being surprised by what happens next? Better than that, what if I could learn how to stay in the present instead of letting my anxieties run on fast-forward?... By day I can outfox questions like these – racing from one appointment to the next, answering e-mails with red exclamation points by them, taking the suddenly sick dog to the vet, rummaging through the freezer for something to thaw for supper. By day, I am a servant of the urgent. Nothing important has a chance with me... But in the middle of the night... I am a captive audience.*

*-Barbara Brown Taylor, Learning to Walk in the Dark*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP\***

The Rev. Rob Woodruff, Second

One: Early in the morning, we gather at the edge of heaven,

**All: finding the gates flung wide open by the One who welcomes all.**

One: Early in the morning, we come to this holy time of worship,

**All: to be touched by the One who offers us grace and love.**

One: Early in the morning, we worship God,

**All: who adopts us into the family, to be filled by the One who would pour us out in service to the world.**

## **HYMN**

# 315 In the Midst of New Dimensions

1 In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of  
2 Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions,  
3 As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self -  
4 We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,  
5 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -

chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples  
and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?  
seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,  
old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,  
draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it

*Refrain*

wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?  
Who will light the flame of care?  
might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fi - ery pil - lar,  
each a love song to be sung.  
res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney

now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

## **CALL TO RECONCILIATION\***

The Rev. Dori Hjalmarson, Mission Co-Worker Honduras

One: Too often we fail to live into God's dreams for us and settle for the easy and broken ways of the world. But God seeks us out, not to condemn us, but to comfort, to forgive, and to bring us home. Let us stop playing hide-and-seek with our God, as we confess our sins together, saying,

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION\*\***

**O God who is known in visions and speaks to us in dreams, when we are awakened in the night our worries and fears fill our minds. We are quick to turn on a light and distract ourselves from the richness of the darkness that is also a part of your creation. We confess that we avoid night interruptions. Forgive us for being blind to the invitation of an encounter with you in the night. Help us to stay present with our anxiety, to be attentive to our thoughts. Open us to the imagination of our souls and the insights that illuminate only in the night. In the name of the Christ, who sat with his fear underneath the night sky in the garden of Gethsemane, we pray. AMEN.**

## **TESTIMONY ON A GIFT OF IMAGINATION FROM A CHALLENGING PLACE**

The Rev. Tom Hart, Shepherd of the Valley

## **KYRIE & EXTINGUISHING OF A CANDLE**

# O Lord, Have Mercy

*Kyrie eleison*  
*Oré poriajú verekó*

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Capo 2: (G) (C) (D) (G)  
A D E A

1 O Lord, have mer - cy; O Lord, have mer - cy; O  
2 O Christ, have mer - cy; O Christ, have mer - cy; O

Greek 1 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son; Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son; Ky - ri -  
2 Chri - ste e - le - i - son; Chri - ste e - le - i - son; Chri -

Guarani 1 O - ré po - ria - jú ve - re - kó, Ñan - de - ya - ra. O -  
2 O - ré po - ria - jú ve - re - kó, Je - su Cris - to. O -

(E) (Am) (D) (G)  
F# Bm E A

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.  
Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

e e - le - i - son; Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
ste e - le - i - son; Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

ré po - ria - jú ve - re - kó, Ñan - de - ya - ra.  
ré po - ria - jú ve - re - kó, Je - su Cris - to.

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE\*\*

The Rev. Dori Hjalmarson, Mission Co-Worker Honduras

One: God spoke to the Prophet Joel, saying , “I will pour out my spirit upon everyone; your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your old people will dream dreams, and your young people will see visions.” In our times of Darkness, God’s Spirit opens our hearts and minds to dreams we could have never imagined.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are made whole! Thanks be to God!**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Sarah Chivington Buck, Shepherd of the Valley

One: Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive the mysteries that you reveal to us through your word, and be ready to take up our calling as disciples.

All: **Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE

**Genesis 28:10-19**

Jacob left Beer-sheba and set out for Haran. He reached a certain place and spent the night there. When the sun had set, he took one of the stones at that place and put it near his head. Then he lay down there. He dreamed and saw a raised staircase, its foundation on earth and its top touching the sky, and God's messengers were ascending and descending on it. Suddenly the LORD was standing on it and saying, "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will become like the dust of the earth; you will spread out to the west, east, north, and south. Every family of earth will be blessed because of you and your descendants. I am with you now, I will protect you everywhere you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done everything that I have promised you." When Jacob woke from his sleep, he thought to himself, The LORD is definitely in this place, but I didn't know it. He was terrified and thought, This sacred place is awesome. It's none other than God's house and the entrance to heaven. After Jacob got up early in the morning, he took the stone that he had put near his head, set it up as a sacred pillar, and poured oil on the top of it. He named that sacred place Bethel, though Luz was the city's original name.

**LECTURA** The Rev. Deb Worley, White Rock

**Génesis 28:10-19**

Jacob salió de Beerseba y tomó el camino de Harán. Llegó a cierto lugar y allí se quedó a pasar la noche, porque el sol ya se había puesto. Tomó como almohada una de las piedras que había en el lugar, y se acostó a dormir. Allí tuvo un sueño, en el que veía una escalera que estaba apoyada en la tierra y llegaba hasta el cielo, y por la cual los ángeles de Dios subían y bajaban. También veía que el Señor estaba de pie junto a él, y que le decía: «Yo soy el Señor, el Dios de tu abuelo Abraham y de tu padre Isaac. A ti y a tus descendientes les daré la tierra en donde estás acostado. Ellos llegarán a ser tantos como el polvo de la tierra, y se extenderán al norte y al sur, al este y al oeste, y todas las familias del mundo serán bendecidas por medio de ti y de tus descendientes. Yo estoy contigo; voy a cuidarte por dondequiera que vayas, y te haré volver a esta tierra. No voy a abandonarte sin cumplir lo que te he prometido.» Cuando Jacob despertó de su sueño, pensó: «En verdad el Señor está en este lugar, y yo no lo sabía.» Tuvo mucho miedo, y pensó: «Este lugar es muy sagrado. Aquí está la casa de Dios; ¡es la puerta del cielo!» Al día siguiente Jacob se levantó muy temprano, tomó la piedra que había usado como almohada, la puso de pie como un pilar, y la consagró derramando aceite sobre ella. En ese lugar había antes una ciudad que se llamaba Luz, pero Jacob le cambió el nombre y le puso Betel.

**Leader:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to you and to the church.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN.** The Rev. Madeline Hart-Andersen, Westminster Santa Fe

**SERMON** *What Dreams May Come* The Rev. Seth Finch, Covenant

***RESPONDING TO THE WORD***

**RESPONDING IN PRAYER** The Rev. Drew Henry, Immanuel

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO RESPOND**

**OFFERING**

*(You are encouraged to go to your church's website if they have online giving, if not, perhaps consider writing a check and mailing it. Our churches need your support right now to keep doing ministry. You might also want to give to the Presbytery's Family to Family Fund, to support those who are hardest hit by the new realities of social distancing at <https://santafepresbytery.org/> )*

**OFFERTORY**

**RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING**

# 717 For the Life That You Have Given

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in  
Christ made known, with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these  
gifts that are your own: here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es;  
heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to  
love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of six systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Brianna Benzinger, Covenant

**HYMN**

# When God Restored Our Common Life

(Psalm 126)

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1 When God re - stored our com - mon life, our hope, our lib - er -  
2 We went forth weep - ing, sow - ing seeds in hard, un - yield - ing  
3 Great lib - er - at - ing God, we pray for all who are op -



ty, at first it seemed a pass - ing dream, a  
soil; with laugh - ing hearts we car - ry home the  
pressed. May those who long for what is right with



wak - ing fan - ta - sy; a shock of joy swept  
fruit of all our toil. We praise the One who  
jus - tice now be blest. We pray for those who



o - ver us, for we had wept so long; the  
gave the growth, with voic - es full and strong. The  
mourn this day, and all who suf - fer wrong; may



seeds we wa - tered once with tears sprang up in - to a song.  
seeds we wa - tered once with tears sprang up in - to a song.  
seeds they wa - ter now with tears spring up in - to a song.

## BENEDICTION

Seth Finch

## POSTLUDE & PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CALL SOMEONE FROM YOUR CHURCH AND CHECK ON THEM AND PRAY  
TOGETHER*

**\*\*Liturgy adapted from *A Lenten Liturgy: Walking Into Darkness*© by Mandy England Cole & Tim Moore  
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**Musicians**

**Piano, Maki Kimura, Covenant**

**Vocals, Jeff Jolly, Covenant**

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