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**No Matter Who You Are Or Where You Are  
On Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here!**

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**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

**MARCH 16, 2014**

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\*Means those who are able please stand

Songs: SP & P - Sing, Prayer & Praise; NCH - New Century Hymnal

**Bold face indicates where the congregation is invited to join in saying the words**

### **Ring the Bell**

### **Greeting and Announcements**

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

**And also with you.**

### **Centering Music**

*Allow the music to help focus your soul for worship as you listen in silence.*

### **\*Call to Worship** Psalm 121

I lift my eyes to the hills—from where does my help come?

**My help comes from God, who made heaven and earth.**

God will not let your foot slip; the One who keeps you will not slumber.

**The One who keeps us will neither slumber nor sleep.**

God is your keeper and your shade at your right hand.

**The sun will not strike us by day, nor the moon by night.**

God will keep you from all evil; God will hold your life.

**God will keep our going out and our coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.**

### **\*Opening Song** NCH #278

“Creator God, Creating Still”

**\*Silent Confession ending with: "Come and Fill Our Hearts" (3x)**

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly. Come and fill our hearts

with your peace, Al-le-lu - ia!

Text: Psalm 137, Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; Taizé Community, 1982  
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994  
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**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*Sharing Christ's Peace**

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

**Children's Message**

**"In Your Heart"**

Hannah Hannover

**Sung Prayer for Illumination "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" v. 1**

1. All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; Ho-ly man-na

is our bread. Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring.

Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for

days of full-ness, All a-round us is our food.

Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993, © 1991, GIA Publications, Inc.; tr. by Georgina Pando-Connolly, b.1946, © 2012, GIA Publications, Inc.  
Tune: HOLY MANNA, 8 7 8 7 D; William Moore, fl.1830; acc. by Kelly Dobbs-Mickus, b.1966

## Scripture Readings

Genesis 12:1-4a (p. 12 in the OT of your pew Bibles)

John 3:1-17 (p. 144 in the NT of your pew Bibles)

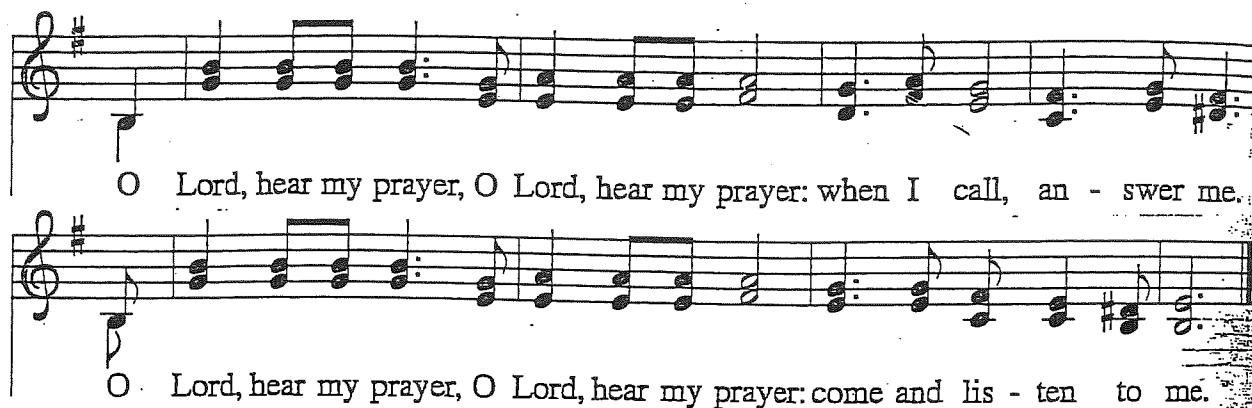
## Sermon

“Hungry for Hope”

\*Song NCH #286

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

Prayers of the People beginning with “O Lord, Hear My Prayer” (2x)



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.

Tune: *Psalm 102*; Text: *Community*, 1962  
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**The Lord's Prayer** *Please pray the following, or a version most meaningful to you.*

**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.**

## Offering

“Come Share His Sacrifice”

David Lantz III

## Sung Response

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” v. 2

*All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.*

*Come from wilderness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.*

*We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.*

*Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

## Communion Prayer

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Holy, mighty, and merciful God, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and the suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

### *The Words of Institution*

Pour out your Spirit upon this meal, that we may be filled with the fullness of your Son.

**May our hands impart his healing; may our hearts beat with his love; and may we, throughout our lives, embody the peace and justice of his reign. This day and forever, all glory is yours, O Holy One. Amen.**

## Sung Response

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” v. 3

***All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.***

***Come from loneliness and longing, Here in peace we will be fed.***

***Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.***

***Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.***

**Sharing the Bread and the Cup** *All are welcome at this Table. The bread is free of gluten, soy, and dairy; the “wine” is unfermented (aka “juice”).*

## Closing Prayer

\*Song NCH #472

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

\*Commissioning and Blessing

\*Sending Music