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

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2014

*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

Ringling 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

“O Lord, Creator of All”

setting: C. Calahan

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

***Call to Worship**

Come to God in all your emptiness, and God will fill your hungry hearts.

Come to God in all your wanderings, and God will bring you safely home.

God's Table is spread, God's arms are open, and so we come.

***Opening Song** NCH #18 “Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”

***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

The Rev. Terry Poore-Hamilton

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 2:15-17, 3:1-7 (p. 2-3 in the OT of your pew Bibles)

Psalm 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom God imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to God," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

So let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Don't be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it won't stay near you.

Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Matthew 4:1-11 (p. 3-4 in the NT of your pew Bibles)

Sermon

"When We Don't Know What We're Hungry For"

*Song NCH #247

"My Shepherd Is the Living God"

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.

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, in 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 "Attende, Domine (Psalm 51)" arr. Bernie Hernandez
Lesley Lackore, soprano

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 #490 "I Want Jesus to Go with Me"

***Commissioning and Blessing**

***Sending Music**