9:00 a.m. **Devotional Service** March 6, 2022

Welcome to the 9:00 a.m. Devotional Service. Together, may we rejoice and give thanks for God's loving grace in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Welcome and Life in the Community

\*Hymn 166 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days (vv. 1 & 3)

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## Trusting in God's Grace

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**People:** The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Leader: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

People: "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"

Leader: Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me.

People: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

*Leader: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage;* 

**People: Wait for the Lord!** (Psalm 27)

## Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Invitation to Self-Examination and Corporate Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sin and ask your forgiveness. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us. Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Lenten Wreath *What Wondrous Love Is This* (Hymn 215, verse 1) WONDROUS LOVE (The first candle on the Lenten Wreath is extinguished for the First Sunday in Lent)

# Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 109:1-5 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 530 in the pew Bible.]

Romans 8:28-39 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 148 in the pew Bible.]

# Meditation Lord, Make Me An Instrument of Your Peace: Where There Is Hatred, Let Me Sow Love

Rev. Vance Polley

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#### Offertory

(You are invited to bring your offering to God forward.)

\*At the Presentation **Doxology** (No. 606)

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Prayer of Dedication and Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving, concluding with 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.

# The Lord's Supper

(All who are baptized are invited to share in The Lord's Supper.)

Prayer after Communion

\*Hymn (see text in bulletin) Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley LONESOME VALLEY

\*Blessing

\*Going Out into the World

<sup>\*</sup>All those who are able, please stand.