

**LENTEN VESPERS**  
**February 24, 2021**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rachel Pedersen

From water to wilderness:

**God's covenant continues.**

We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,  
**for where he is, we would be also.**

People of the covenant:

God does not remember us according to our sins  
and transgressions.

**God remembers us according to God's own  
steadfast love!**

**HYMN 450**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

God's bow has been hung in the clouds  
a disarmament in spite of our sin.  
God remains faithful to the covenant of steadfast love,  
even when we are unfaithful.  
Without fear, then, we confess our sins.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of mercy,  
we begin this Lenten season in confession.**  
**We do not live according to your ways,  
but according to our own.**  
**We condone violence,  
participate in systems of injustice,  
and use power to our own advantage  
at the expense of others.**  
**Forgive us, we pray,  
when we are tempted to follow paths  
other than those you set before us.**  
**Teach us your commandments;  
help us to turn from evil in its many guises,  
and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near.**  
**In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

## **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

As Noah and his family were brought safely  
through the flood onto dry ground,  
so in baptismal waters  
we are brought from death into new life in Christ.  
Jesus Christ, who is at the right hand of God,  
forgives us and reconciles us and all things  
in heaven and on earth.  
Thanks be to God for this good news!

## **THE PSALTER 28**

You Are Before Me, Lord

SURSUM CORDA

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Agnes W. Norfleet

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Romans 8:18-30

## **MEDITATION**

## **MUSICAL MEDITATION**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## **BLESSING**

Agnes W. Norfleet

May the God of covenant faithfulness enfold you;  
the beloved Son encourage you;  
and the Holy Spirit descend upon you in blessing;  
this day and forever.

## **POSTLUDE**

Improvisation

Jeffrey Brillhart

## **WORSHIP SERVICE MUSICIANS**

Udi Bar David, cello  
Corey Bonar, tenor  
Jeffrey Brillhart, organ