

**WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD**

**Music to Prepare for Worship:**

**Invitation to Worship:**

**Hymn: "Throughout These Lenten Days" (vs. 1-3) #108**

**1 Throughout these Lenten days and nights  
we turn to walk the inward way,  
where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,  
we live in hope till Easter Day.**

**2 The pilgrim Christ, the Lamb of God,  
who found in weakness greater power,  
embraces us, though lost and flawed,  
and leads us to his Rising Hour.**

**3 We bear the silence, cross and pain  
of human burdens, human strife,  
while sisters, brothers help sustain  
our courage till the Feast of Life.**

**Welcome & the Life and Ministry of Our Church**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US**

**Scriptures: Genesis 9:8-17 & Mark 1:9- 15**

**Sermon: "Rainbows in the Wilderness."**

**Musical Offering:**

**WE RESPOND IN LOVE**

**Call to Prayer: (Ringing of the Singing Bowl)**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving & for Healing and Transformation**

**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  
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, the power and the glory, forever,  
and ever. Amen.**

**Minute for Our Mission: Black History Month.**

**Invitation to Offer our Gifts:**

**Song of Dedication: (#579 Verse 2)**

**The church is wherever God's people are helping,  
Caring for neighbours in sickness and need.  
The church is wherever God's people are sharing,  
The words of the Bible in gift and in deed. Amen.**

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**WE GO FORTH IN SERVICE**

**Hymn: "Spirit of Gentleness" (vs. 1-3) #375**

**Refrain:**

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
Wind, Wind on the sea.**

- 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the  
valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.**
- 2 You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,  
then you spoke thro' your prophets to open their eyes.**
- 3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world  
was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush  
of the wind.**

**Commissioning and Benediction:**

**Music To Inspire Us As We Go:**