

A golden mosaic on a dark blue background depicting a biblical scene. The top row shows several figures, some seated and some standing, holding objects. The middle row shows a group of animals, including oxen and sheep, with figures leading them. The bottom row shows more animals and figures. The mosaic is divided into three horizontal bands by decorative borders.

Second Sunday in Lent Communion Sunday

1 March 2026

Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. Tom Garrison

A religious scene featuring a central crucifix with a figure on the cross. The crucifix is ornate and surrounded by several lit candles of varying heights. To the left, a large, ornate bell hangs from chains. The background is dark and appears to be a church interior with religious paintings or icons. The overall atmosphere is solemn and reverent.

PRELUDE & MEDITATION

Telemann Trio Sonata (vivace)

Elizabeth Koyama Violin - Tiffany Lee Violin

Goetz Bienert Organ

WELCOME & CANDLE LIGHTING



OPENING HYMN – CH 517

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n to earth come down,
fix in us Thy humble dwelling;
all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love Thou art;
visit us with Thy salvation;
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

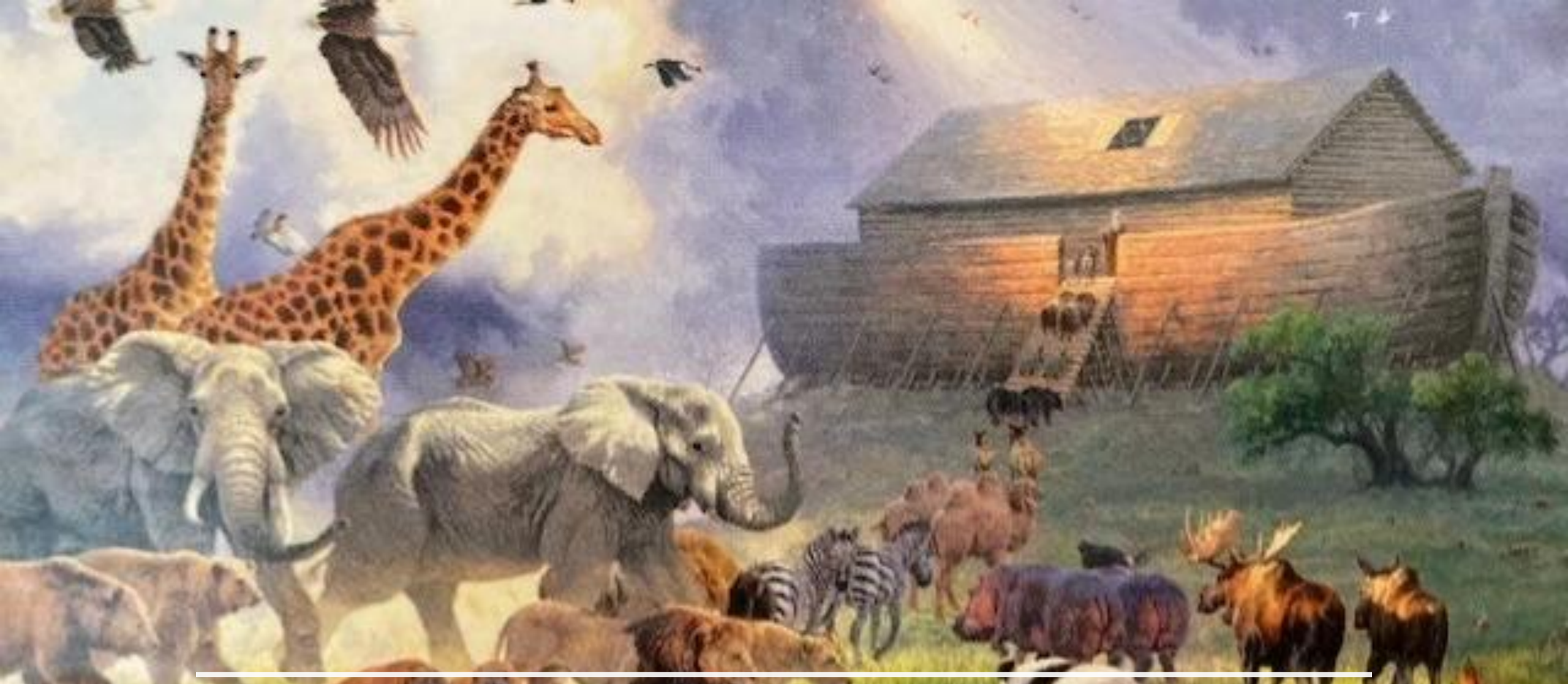
2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit;
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning:
set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all Thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
glory in Thy perfect love.

4 Finish then Thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation
perfectly restored in Thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before Thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.
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PASSING OF THE PEACE



SPECIAL PEOPLE



SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

Read by Kitty McKinsey

The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.” Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!” Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.

Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?"

No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 121

Read by Kitty McKinsey

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them. You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you. Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him. Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Be Thou My Vision (arrangement Nathan Pacheco)



David Corcoran Baritone
Goetz Bienert Organ

A man with long dark hair and a beard, wearing a simple white tunic, sits on the left side of a wooden table. He is looking towards the right. On the right side of the table, an older man with a white beard and balding head, wearing a green robe, sits facing him. The room is dimly lit, with a single candle in a small holder on the table between them. A larger, ornate lantern hangs on the wall behind the older man, casting a warm glow. The background is a textured, possibly stone or mud-brick wall.

SERMON

“A Visitor in the Night”

RESPONSIVE HYMN- CH 542

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

1 Jesus, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high;
hide me, O my Savior, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last!

2 Other refuge have I none;
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

3 Plenteous grace with thee is found,
 grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound;
make and keep me pure within.
 Thou of life the fountain art;
 freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart,
 rise to all eternity.

A pair of hands is shown from the wrist up, palms facing each other, holding a glowing white cross. The background is a warm, golden sunset or sunrise over a body of water, with the sun low on the horizon. The overall mood is peaceful and spiritual.

**OFFERING
&
MEDITATION**

**Telemann Trio Sonata (affettuoso)
Elizabeth Koyama Violin - Tiffany Lee Violin
Goetz Bienert Organ**

DOXOLOGY – CH 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen!



PRAYERS

Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CLOSING HYMN – CH 72

To God be the Glory

1 To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father, thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. [Refrain]

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

Oh, come to the Father, thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

3 Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father, thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

BLESSING

GO IN PEACE TO LOVE
AND SERVE THE LORD.

THANKS BE TO GOD

Amen! אָמֵן

POSTLUDE

A religious scene featuring a large, ornate, golden cross in the center. The cross is intricately carved with figures and text. In the foreground, several lit candles in various holders are visible, casting a warm, golden glow. To the left, a large, ornate bell hangs from a chain. The background is softly blurred, showing a religious painting or tapestry with a figure in a red robe.

Telemann Trio Sonata (allegro)
Elizabeth Koyama Violin - Tiffany Lee Violin
Goetz Bienert Organ