

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

HYMN #77 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Mache dich, mein Geist, bereit

Johann Christian Kittell

Nate Welsh, Music Director

Worship has ended. Let Service begin.

Ways to Connect with Rev. Deanna:

Rev. Deanna schedules individual meetings by appointment.

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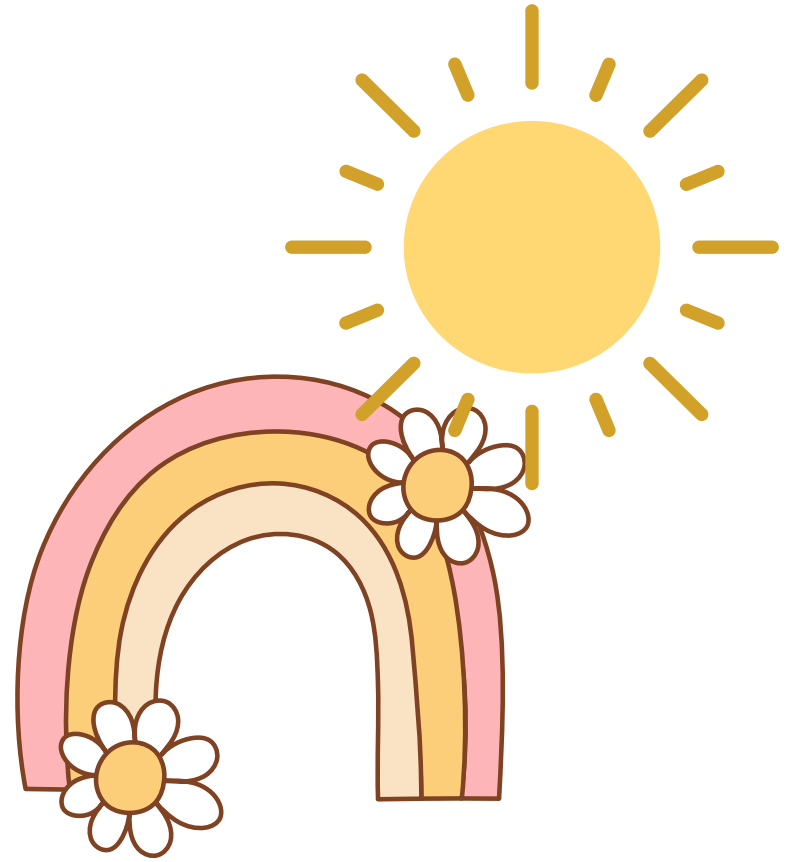
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Deacon at the Door: David Langston

Reader: Charles Fox

Greeters: Ruth Giordano & Gail Oberst

Flowers: Lynn Chick



First Sunday in Lent

Service of The Word

March 9th, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS & CONCERNS

PRELUDE O Mensch Bewein (O man, thy grievous sin bemoan)

J.S. Bach

Nate Welsh, Music Director

CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 91)*

Leader: Where is our home?

People: Our home is in the shelter and shadow of God.

Leader: How can this be our refuge?

People: Because God's angels will guard your house and those in it from evil and threat.

Leader: How can we flourish?

People: Staying close to God's ways will bring our lives to abundance. Let us worship God.

HYMN #205 Forty Days and Forty Nights

OPENING PRAYER

TIME OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE #746

Holy God, Holy and mighty,

Holy Immortal one, have mercy upon us.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 121: 1-3, 5-8 and Luke 4:1-13

Charles Fox

REFLECTION

Rev. Deanna Shorb

Senior Minister

HYMN #438 When Peace, Like a River

INVITATION TO GIVING

Deacon and Congregation: We offer back to God what God has first given us... our gifts, our time, and our talent. May each of use to God's church and people near and far. Amen.

ANTHEM

The Apple Tree

K. Lee Scott

DOXOLOGY (Tune: Old Hundredth, #7)

**Congregation: Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Praise God, the Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(in unison, based on Deuteronomy 26:10-11)

Pastor and Congregation: Now we bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given us. We come before you and shall celebrate with immigrants and strangers in our community the bounty of all you have given us and our households.