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## 8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



February 18, 2018



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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

### Gathering

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More Love More Power  
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SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

### Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Forever*

SCRIPTURE Genesis 9:8-17  
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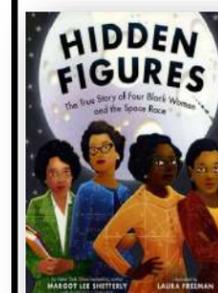
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10:30 AM

### FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

#### CENTERING WORDS

"Rainbows introduce us to reflections of different beautiful possibilities so we never forget that pain and grief are not the final options in life." ~ *Aberjhani*

#### WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

PRELUDE *Herzliebster Jesu* David Blackwell

HANDBELL INTROIT *Variation on Theme by Brahms* arr. Michael Helman

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

A rainstorm, a flood, a boat, and a promise from God.

**A rainbow, a dove, a sign of this promise.**

A river, a cousin, a baptism, and a promise from God.

**A revelation, a journey, a ministry, a sign of this promise.**

On this day, we remember signs of the past, but also promises for the future.

**On this day, we embark on a journey ancient as the earth, but refreshing as spring rain.**

On this day, we move closer to the cross, closer to death, closer to resurrection, closer to Christ.

**All are part of this journey of living, experiencing, and being the promises of God.**

\*OPENING HYMN *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* No. 297

#### OPENING PRAYER

**Loving God, we search for your promised presence.**

**Reveal yourself to us this day—**

**in mighty mountains and brilliant rainbows,  
in quiet dinners and sacred moments,  
in joyous children and grieving friends.**

**Guide us on the Lenten journey toward the darkness of death and the hope of resurrection.**

**In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Leonard Lutz

*Nursery care is available.*

*Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time.*

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Jesus, Remember Me* No. 488  
 Congregational Prayer  
 Choral Response *This is Our Prayer* No. 487

ANTHEM *The Church's One Foundation* arr. Cathy Moglebust

SCRIPTURE Genesis 9:8-17  
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HYMN (remain seated) *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* No. 358  
 Verses 1-3

SERMON *GOD LOVES YOU: Covenant*

OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering  
 Offertory *Herzlich thut mich verlangen* Rebecca Groom Te Velde  
 \*Doxology/Blessing of the Offering  
*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*

\*CLOSING HYMN *O Jesus I Have Promised* No. 396

\*BENEDICTION

Go forth as signs of God's love.  
**We go as rainbows of hope and grace.**  
 Go forth as children of the promise.  
**We go as signs of God's love and compassion.**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Amen* No. 904

POSTLUDE *Toccata from Symphony No. 5* Widor



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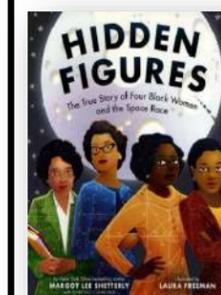
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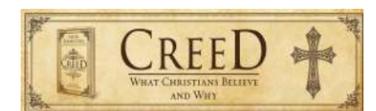
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