



# Edgebrook Community Church

## First Sunday in Lent

LIVE ZOOM WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

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**PRELUDE** *Priere* in F Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1823–1881)  
Alan Hommerding

**CHORAL INTROIT** *Again We Keep This Solemn Fast* attr. Gregory I (6<sup>th</sup> c.), trans. Peter Scagnelli (1949-2017)

### WELCOME AND CALL TO PRAYER

#### OPENING SENTENCES

O God, we trust unashamedly in you;  
knowing that you are not ashamed of us;  
though you see our imperfections.

**May our Lenten journey of wilderness and waiting  
open up some space, some place inside of ourselves.  
To make room, to make ready, to have some open space for the new life to come.**

Though fields lie fallow for a time,  
still, allowing the barren soil some space  
to become nutrient-filled.

**May our time this season begin together, together with God and one another,  
so that the next harvest may surely come. May we grow in God's ways, even in times of wilderness  
and waiting.**

#### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**HYMN** *Lord Jesus, Who Through Forty Days* Claudia F. Hernaman/ST. FLAVIAN

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Genesis 9:8-17**

*A reading from the Book of Genesis, Chapter 9*

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark.

I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations:

I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

**ANTHEM**      *O God of Mercy*      Simon Lole (b. 1957)

**LENTEN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**      *The moneychangers in the Temple*  
Derek Hamill

**PSALM FOR THE SEASON (Psalm 51)**      *Create in me a clean heart, O God*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Mark 1:9-15**

*A reading from the Gospel of Mark, Chapter 1*

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

*Kyrie Eleison (Lord, in your mercy, hear us)    Byzantine Orthodox*

**MESSAGE**      "Wilderness Days"      Pastor Kate Alexander

**SILENT REFLECTION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE • PASTORAL PRAYER • THE LORD'S PRAYER**      Alan Hommerding

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

Barb Simonson, Liturgist

Michael Potsic, Tech Manager

## Music Notes

During the season of Lent, musical choices tend to be more reflective and restrained in nature, to convey the meditative nature of the season, and to create a sonic space from which Easter's glory can flower.

In Lent of 2020, when we first stopped having in-person Sunday services, I posted my organ preludes on Facebook for a while. The first of these was Lemmens' *Priere* (Prayer) in F; it seemed appropriate to offer it again as we begin this Lenten season. As I mentioned last year, what I hear in this prelude is the serene voice of prayer, with the stirrings of the Holy Spirit underneath. Perhaps you will hear something different – this is part of the beauty of music. Throughout Lent, the preludes will all have the title *Prayer*. AJH

## Announcements

**CHURCH COUNCIL** will meet next on Tuesday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m.

**THE BOOK CLUB'S** next selection is Gilead by Marilynne Robinson. This is one of Barack Obama's favorite novels, and you can find an interview he did with Robinson in September, 2015 in The New York Review of Books. [tinyurl.com/1ludvlnw](http://tinyurl.com/1ludvlnw).

We'll meet 7 p.m. March 3, most likely on zoom unless the city's Covid protocols loosen up by then.

**SACK SUPPERS:** Drop off sandwiches and other supplies between 1-3 p.m. on 2/22 in the church kitchen. Thanks to all contributing!

**LENTEN STORIES:** We are doing a project similar to the Advent Boxes during Lent. A member of the congregation will tell a story during worship, and the kids will get a copy of the story plus instructions for related activities to do during the week after the service. If you know an elementary age child who might like to participate, let Ann James know and she'll get them a packet each week.

We're taking inspiration for the telling of the stories from an interesting little bit in Mark's account of Jesus' arrest. He records that an unnamed young man runs away (Mark 15:51). No other gospel has the story, and there is speculation that the young man might have been Mark himself. Thinking about what it might have been like for a young person to witness the events of Holy Week, we have recruited some of our youth to help us write each story and then tell it. Today's story is told by Derek Hamill, imagining what it might have been like for a priest-in-training to watch Jesus upset the tables of the moneychangers and the seats of those selling pigeons in the temple (Mark 11: 15-19).

### ZOOM LINK FOR WORSHIP

The recurring link below can be copied into your calendar for future reference. <https://zoom.us/j/93471903903>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** for the Bulletin and Monday e-News are due to [admin@edgebrookucc.org](mailto:admin@edgebrookucc.org) by Wednesday at Noon.



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