

February 21, 2021 • Lent 1

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

Who You Say I Am

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God, this season of Lent invites us to take a close look in the mirror. There we see that we are rarely our ideal selves. We choose our comfort over others' needs. We choose security and convenience over discipleship. We lay this at your feet and trust in your grace. Help us to try again today and help us also to see in the mirror your reflection, because we are made in your image and in your love. **Amen.**

People of God, you are forgiven and freed. Walk joyfully in this gift of forgiveness, trusting in our Lord Jesus Christ, and sharing this redeeming love with everyone you meet. **Amen.**

SONG

Reckless Love

PRAYER

Jesus, you've walked in our shoes, and you know how we struggle with temptation and faith. You've experienced it and come through the other side, so that you can bring us through too. Help us to trust and follow your leadership through this Lenten journey and beyond. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

A READING FROM GENESIS 9:8-17

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and 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. ¹¹I 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.” ¹²God 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: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I 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. ¹⁶When 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.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

A READING FROM 1 PETER 3:18-22

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

A READING FROM MARK 1:9-15

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

SERMON

Pastor Amy Stewart

SONG

Whom Shall I Fear

A NEW CREED – UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.**

Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

God IS our peace. Receive that peace and share peace with one another.

OFFERING

Offerings can be made online or mailed to the church office. Thank you for your continuing support to our ministry during this time.

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.**

BENEDICTION

You are what God made you to be:
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved,
freed to serve your neighbor.
God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing,
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.
Amen.

SENDING

Yes I Will

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

Vocal Leaders: *Worship Band*

Musicians: Gail Brecht, Josh Brecht, Jimmie Miller, Amy Kallansrud, Jason Fulbright, Christian Saia

Reader: *Jan Thompson*

AV: *Andrew Leach, Karl Oswald, Paul Dreher, Sophia Essig, Eric Lindgren*

CCLI License # 687587

Who You Say I Am By Ben Fielding | Reuben Morgan

© 2017 Hillsong Music Publishing Australia

Reckless Love By Cory Asbury | Caleb Culver | Ran Jackson

- © 2017 Cory Asbury Publishing;
- Richmond Park Publishing;
- Watershed Worship Publishing;
- Bethel Music Publishing

Whom Shall I Fear By Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash | Scott Cash

© 2012 Alletrop Music;

- McTyeire Music;
- S. D. G. Publishing;
- sixsteps Songs;
- Worship Together Music

Yes I Will By Eddie Hoagland | Mia Fieldes | Jonathan Smith

- © All Essential Music;
- Be Essential Songs;
- HBC Worship Music;
- Hickory Bill Doc;
- Jigram Music Publishing;
- So Essential Tunes;
- Upside Down Under

