

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 18, 2018

9:30 AM

WORDS OF WELCOME

Nancy Gardner

PRELUDE

Simple Gifts

Wesley Bells

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Gardner

Leader: To Noah, 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.” (Gen 9:12-13 NRSV)

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord, who keeps covenant with us.

Leader: To Abraham, God said: “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations.” (Gen. 17:4 NRSV)

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord, who keeps covenant with us.

Leader: To us, God gives a covenant. Jesus said: “For this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.” (Matt.26:28 NRSV).

“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.” (Heb. 10:16 NRSV)

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord, who keeps covenant with us.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord, who keeps covenant with us. God, help us, in return, to keep our covenant with you. Amen.

†OPENING HYMN *Children of the Heavenly Father* Hymn 141

†PASSING OF CHRIST’S PEACE

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION Nancy Gardner

Your paths are straight and true, O God; they guide all who seek the way of salvation. By your mercy you instruct your children how to pursue

steadfast love and faithfulness. Upheld by your covenant and enlightened by your testimony, we live securely in your goodness and truth. Hear us now as we lift our souls in praise to you. Accept our glad adoration, and teach us your will. Amen.

Prayer Response: *I Love You, Lord* On the wall

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE 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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* Hymn 480
(verses 1, 2, and 3)

SCRIPTURE READING Old Testament: Genesis 9:8-17 Nancy Gardner

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God* Wesley Bells

MESSAGE “Beyond the Rain’s Bow” Leah Ostwald

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Ah, Holy Jesus* Donna Bach

†Doxology On the wall

†Prayer of Dedication Prayer offered by Leah Ostwald

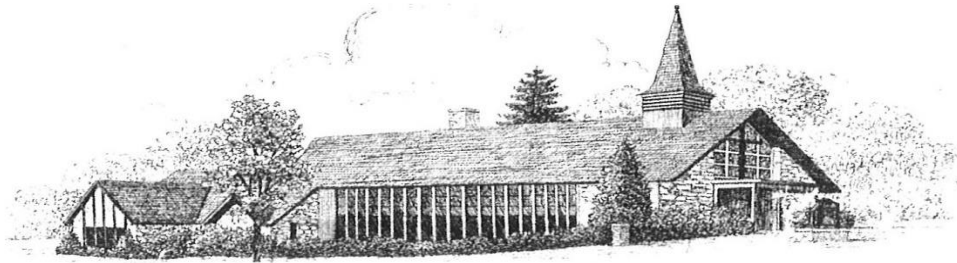
†CLOSING HYMN *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* Hymn 269

†BENEDICTION *Alleluia* All are invited to sing this praise to God.

POSTLUDE *Amazing Grace* Wesley Bells

† Those who are able are requested to stand.

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Vision:

Living in the light of God's love and following Christ, we joyfully embrace the future as a welcoming multi-cultural church. We gather for worship, learning, spiritual growth and fellowship. We go out to serve, sharing the light of Christ by promoting justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God.

(Adopted by the Wesley Church Council, April 14, 2013)

Sunday Morning Schedule

9:30 A.M. Worship

Fellowship Time Following

Sunday School 11:00A.M. - Spanish Service 11:30 A.M.

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Church Staff

Omaira Mora – Pastor of Fe y Esperanza

Nereyda SanchezTio – Music Director

Donna Bach – Organist

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