

## **Order of Service**

**Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> 2023**

### **Call to worship**

*Sometimes it is hard to believe what it is we are called to believe. That's why it's called "faith" and not certainty. During the Season of Lent we will be opening our worship with the "Apostle's Creed": going on by faith, and not by certainty.*

*Video - "The Apostle's Creed"*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty  
Creator of Heaven and earth  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Welcome & Land Acknowledgment**

### **Birthdays, anniversaries, concerns & celebrations**

Happy Birthday to you! Happy Anniversary to you!  
May God bless you & keep you the coming year through

### **Opening prayer & 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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.***

### **Hymn: Grace greater than all our sin (Marvelous Grace)**

1.

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,  
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!  
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,  
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*Refrain:*

*Grace, grace, God's grace,  
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
grace, grace, God's grace,  
grace that is greater than all our sin!*

2.

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,  
threaten the soul with infinite loss;  
grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,  
points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

4.

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,  
freely bestowed on all who believe!  
You that are longing to see his face,  
will you this moment his grace receive?

**Greeting Christ in all of us - passing the peace**

**The Ministry of Music - Our Choir Presents...**

**Children's hymn: I have decided to follow Jesus**

I have decided to follow Jesus            3x  
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow  
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me  
No turning back, no turning back.

Now May God's love be our only message 3 x  
No turning back, no turning back.

### **A time for all God's children**

### **Invitation to the Offering**

### **The offering: "We Give Thee But Thine Own"**

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We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gifts may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **Announcements**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **Old testament story: *Genesis 3:1-8***

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

May God Bless to us this reading of Holy Scripture

**Amen**

## **Sermon** God's "Dirty Little Secret"

### **Benediction**

### **Hymn: In the garden**

1.

I Come to the garden alone,  
While the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,  
The Son of God discloses.

Refrain:

*And He walks with me,  
and He talks with me.  
And He tells me I am his own;  
And the joy we share as we tarry there  
None other has ever known.*

2.

He speaks and the sound of his voice  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing.

3.

I'd stay in the garden with Him  
Though the night around me be falling;  
But he bids me go – through the voice of woe,  
His voice to me is calling.