

Order of Worship: Sunday, February 26, 2023

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

1st Sunday in Lent

Welcome Rev. Becky Rokitowski, Associate Pastor

Prelude/Lighting of the Candles (8:30) *May the Mind of Christ* arr. J. Schrader

Responsive Invocation (8:30) Cynthia Prescott and
Congregation

When the world divides us:

Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.

When the world calls us orphaned:

Come, Holy Spirit, make us family.

When the world leads us astray:

Come, Holy Spirit, call us home.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come! Come and fill this place!

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Prelude/Call to Worship (11:00) *The Promise* B. Hehn/M.Burrows
Kids@Art Choir

Opening Hymn *Forward Through the Ages* UMH 555
Lighting of the Candles (11:00 a.m.) Acolytes

Prayer of Confession Cynthia Prescott and Congregation

We confess that the circle of love is repeatedly broken
because of our sin of exclusion.

We create separate circles: the inner circle and the outer circle,
the circle of power and the circle of despair,
the circle of privilege and the circle of deprivation.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.

We confess that the circle of love is broken
whenever there is alienation, whenever there is misunderstanding,
whenever there is insensitivity or a hardening of the heart.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.

We confess that the circle of love is broken
whenever we cannot see eye to eye,
whenever we cannot link hand to hand,
whenever we cannot live heart to heart and affirm our differences.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.

Through God's grace we are forgiven,
by the mercy of our Creator,
through the love of Christ,

and in the power of the Spirit.
Let us rejoice and be glad!

Glory to God! Amen.

(Miriam Therese Winter, U.S.A., 20th cent., Alt.)

Response	<i>Kyrie</i> (<i>Kyrie eleison: Lord, have mercy</i>)	A. Dvorak
Passing of the Peace		
Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer		Rev. Becky Rokitowski
Anthem	<i>Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door</i> arr. L.A. Spevacek (8:30: Grades 3-5 Ensemble)	Kids@Art Choir
Children's Chat		Rev. Rokitowski
The Offering		
Offering Prayer		Rev. Scriven
Offertory	<i>Jesus, United By Thy Grace</i>	arr. E. Whitsett
Doxology		UMH 95
Scripture	I Corinthians 12: 12-26	Cynthia Prescott
Sermon	"Ubuntu : I Am Because We Are"	Rev. Dr. Latricia Scriven
Closing Hymn	<i>They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love</i>	TFWS 2223
Sending Forth		Rev. Scriven
Postlude	<i>Jesus Shall Reign</i>	arr. H. Hopson