

February 18, 2024
Lent 1—*COURAGE*
Seeking the Heart of Jesus

Worship 9:30am

Fellowship 10:30am
Learning Hour 10:50am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* Spiritual, arr. Carter
Nancy Bosché, pianist

WELCOME AND PRAYER Duane Krehbiel, worship leader

*HYMN VT 25 *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

MOMENT OF WONDER Sara Mwangura

SCRIPTURE Psalm 25:1-10; Mark 1:13

SPOKEN AND SUNG REFLECTIONS

The Courage to say no Mitch Kaufman, soloist

When Satan speaks in angel tones and sanctifies the road to ruin;
When stones to bread means more for us, and more for us seems most alluring;
When climbing high attracts a crowd and cheap acclaim perverts our calling;
When bowing down to serve the worst brings all we want but breaks our conscience;
When Satan speaks in angel tones and sanctifies the road to ruin;

If on that path we're asked to go. Oh Jesus, give us then the courage to say No.

-Text and music by John Bell

No, no, no Ruth Harder

ANTHEM *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* arr. Ringwald

WE ARE INVITED TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF BLESSING AND INVITATION

SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP

Singing during communion: VT 476 *Eat this Bread*

VT 485 *Put Peace into Each Other's Hands*

Please come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. To receive a blessing in lieu of partaking in the bread and cup, please present yourself with hands folded. Gluten free crackers and grapes are also available.

PRAYER

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

As we share our joys and concerns, please be mindful of those gathered remotely.

SHARING CONCERNS

COLLECTION OF COINS AND SUNG PRAYER

Slips of paper are available in the pew racks for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

Near to the Heart of God

McAfee, arr. Tero

If you would like to take advantage of electronic giving, please find the QR code printed in the newsnotes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

*HYMN VT 549

Be Thou My Vision

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Spiritual, arr. Carter

*You are invited to stand

Anthem text *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*. Text by Joyce Merman, tune by George Allen,
arranged by Roy Ringwald.

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Bring me home through the night,
Through the dark, through the storm,
To Thy light.
I have been to the mount,
I have seen the Promised Land:
Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Bring Thy child home at last,
Where the strife and the pain all are past:
I have dreamed a great dream
That Thy love shall rule our land:
Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Take Thy child unto Thee,
With my dream of a world that is free
For that day when all flesh
Joins the glory Thou hast planned,
Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

*You are invited to Lenten evenings of
Community Building through Stories*

Seeking the Heart of Jesus

Tuesdays @ 7:00 P.M. – Zoom gathering

Each Tuesday will center around a different theme introduced through poetry and scripture:

February 20 – Courage

February 27 – Compassion

March 5 – Abundance

March 12 – Gratitude

March 19 – Generosity

*We invite you to share your own story or reflections
in response to each week's theme.*



Contact the church office for the zoom link or use this QR code.

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