

Westwood United Methodist Church

Online Worship Gathering

Sunday, February 21, 2021 • 1st Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

Ach Herr, mich armen Sünder, BuxWV 178

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Yoojung Chung

Organist

WELCOME

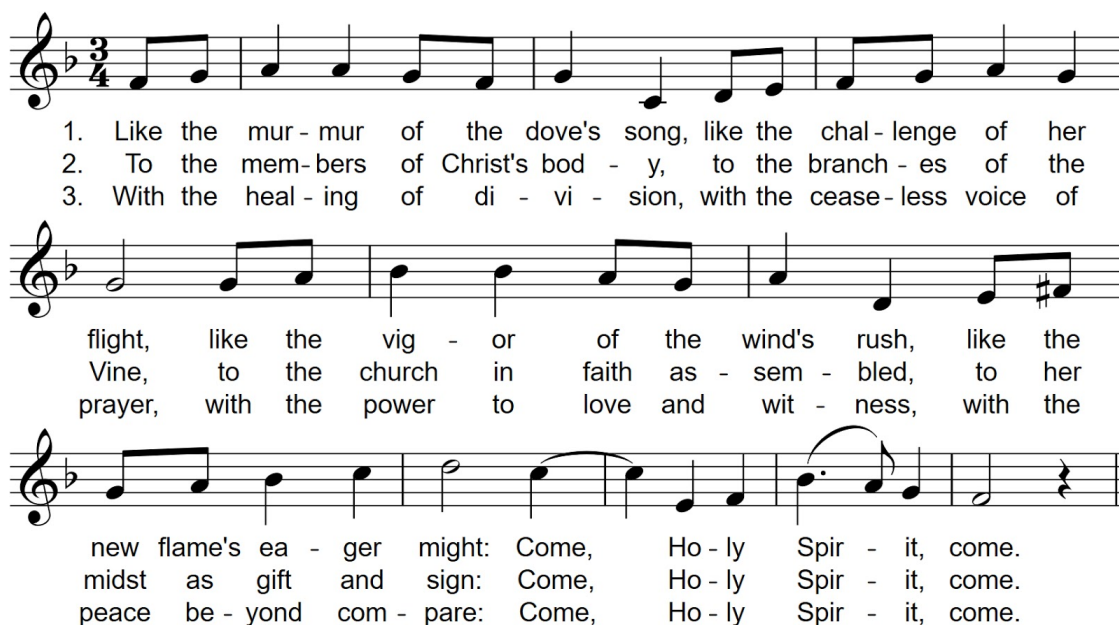
Molly Vetter

Senior Pastor

HYMN

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

UMH No. 544



1. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
2. To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the
3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of
flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
Vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to her
prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness, with the
new flame's ea - ger might: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
peace be - yond com - pare: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1981 (Acts 2)
MUSIC: BRIDEGROOM, Peter Cutts, 1968
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Terence Hagans

Pastor of The Loft

*God remains faithful to the covenant of steadfast love, even when we are unfaithful.
Without fear, then, we confess our sins:*

*God of mercy,
we begin this Lenten season in confession.
We do not live according to your ways,
but according to our own.*

*We condone violence,
participate in systems of injustice,
and use power to our own advantage
at the expense of others.*

*Forgive us, we pray,
when we are tempted to follow paths
other than those you set before us.*

*Teach us your commandments;
help us to turn from evil in its many guises,
and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near.*

*In covenantal love, remember us, we pray,
and be for us, once more and always,
an ark of safety and new life.*

In Christ's name we pray.

Amen.

TIAZÉ RESPONSE

Kyrie Eleison

Ruth Drossel, dancer

*Kyrie eleison
Lord have mercy*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Terence Hagans

*As Noah and his family we brought safely
through the flood onto dry ground,
so in baptismal waters
we are brought from death into new life in Christ.
Jesus Christ, who is at the right hand of God,
forgives us and reconciles us and all things
in heaven and on earth.
Thanks be to God for this good news!*

PSALTER RESPONSE

Lead Me Lord

UMH No. 756



Words: Psalms 5:8, 4:8
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SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 25:1-5

Lana & Chloe Sun

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

Let none that wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are clothed with treachery.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

PSALTER RESPONSE

Lead Me Lord

UMH No. 756



SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 25:6-10

Lana & Chloe Sun

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore the Lord instructs sinners in the way,

and leads the humble in what is right, and teaches them their way.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep the Lord's covenant and testimonies.

PSALTER RESPONSE

Lead Me Lord

UMH No. 756



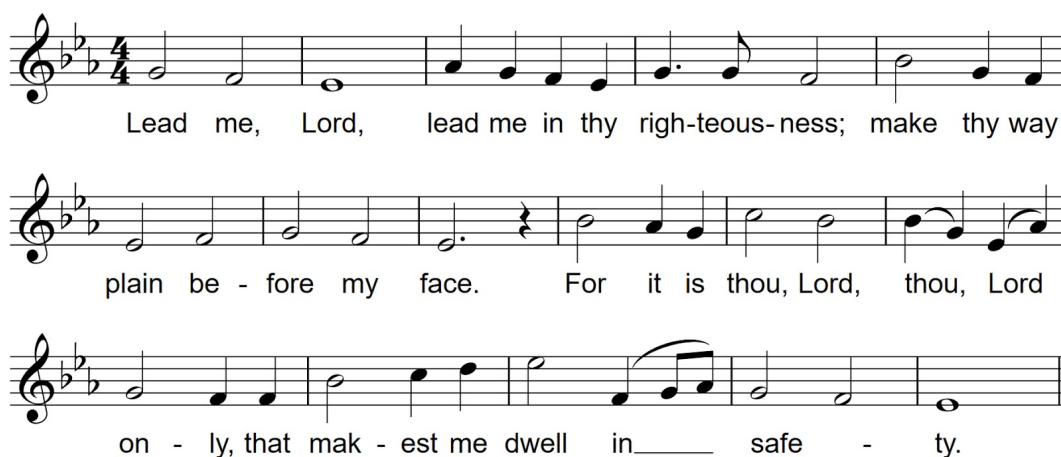
SCRIPTURE READING**Mark 1:9-15****Judy Wessling**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And 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. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

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

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN**Lead Me Lord****UMH No. 473**

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SERMON**Savor Softness****Molly Vetter****CALL TO PRAYER****His Eye is on the Sparrow****Sherley-Ann Belleus, soloist**

Charles Gabriel (1856-1932)

*Why should I feel discouraged,
Why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart feel lonely,
And yearn for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion?
My constant friend is he,
His eye is on the sparrow,*

*And resting on His goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path he leadeth,
But on step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me. [REFRAIN]*

And I know he watches me.

[REFRAIN] *I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me.*

*"Let not your heart be troubled,"
His tender word I hear,*

*Whenever I am tempted,
whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing,
when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him,
from care he sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me. [REFRAIN]*

—Civilla D. Martin (1866-1948)

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD

Jim Edwards

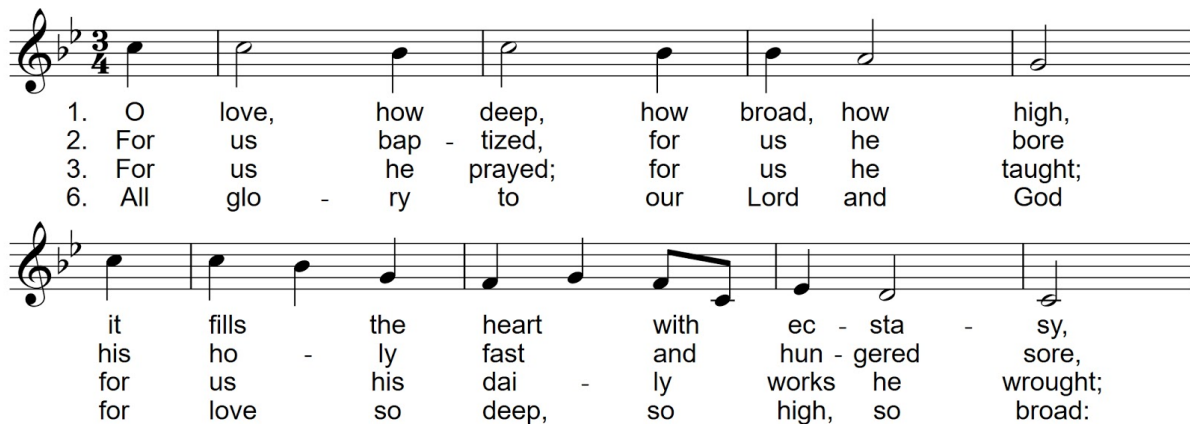
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

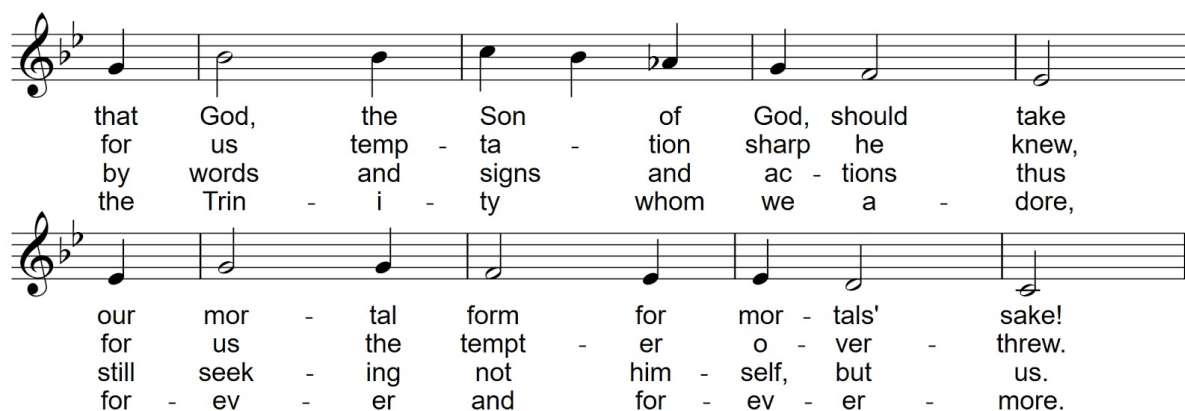
O Love, How Deep

UMH No. 267



1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
2. For us bap - tized, for us he bore
3. For us he prayed; for us he taught;
6. All glo - ry to our Lord and God

it fills the heart with ec - sta - sy,
his ho - ly fast and hun - gered - sore,
for us his dai - ly works he wrought;
for love so deep, so high, so broad:



that God, the Son of God, should take
for us words and signs and sharp he knew,
by the Trin - i - ty whom we ac - tions thus the,
our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

WORDS: 15th cent. Latin;trans. by Benjamin Webb, 1854;alt.
MUSIC: DEO GRACIAS, English melody; harm. from Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised, 1950
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Molly Vetter

BLESSING OF A PRAYER SHAWL

We invite you to pray for Ellen Evans Agee as she grieves the death of her father, Paul Evans.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata on Amazing Grace

J. Christopher Pardini (b.1973)

Yoojung Chung

Participating in Today's Service

Pastoral Staff

Molly Vetter, *Senior Pastor*

Terence Hagans, *Pastor of The Loft*

Liturgist

Jim Edwards

Judy Wessling

Lana & Chloe Sun

Sacred Dance

Ruth Elin Drossel

Music Leadership

Andrew Schultz, *Director of Sanctuary Music*
Yoojung Chung, *Organist*
Taylor Jacobs, *tenor soloist*

Guest Musicians

Emily Peterson, *soprano soloist*
Sherley-Ann Belleus, *soprano soloist*

Acolytes

Lana & Chloe Sun

Production

Richard An and Andrew Schultz, *videography*
Joshua Morales, *sound engineer*
David Trotter, *editor*
Sabrina Simmons, *production assistant*

Worship Resources

“Confession” and “Declaration of Forgiveness” from *Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year B*,
Kimberly Bracken Long, editor. (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2014), 97.