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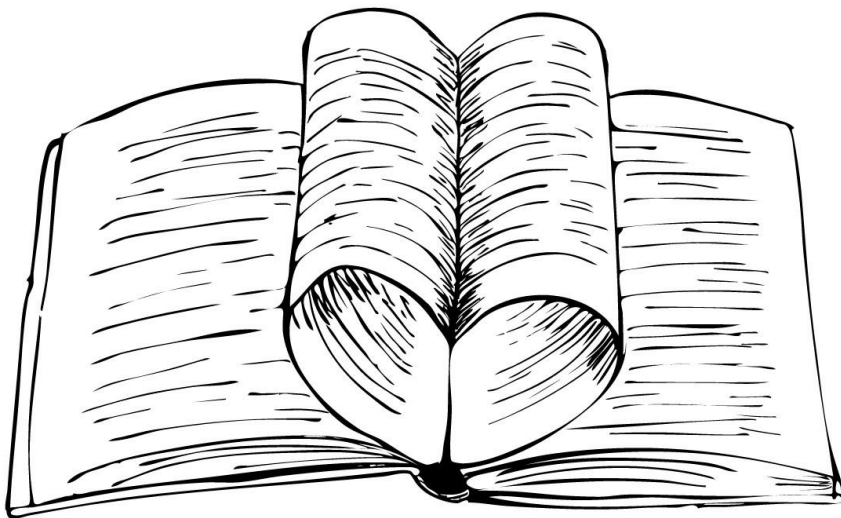
An Open and Affirming Congregation

The Reverend Amelia Edson

Settled Pastor & Teacher



This is our Story



LENT 2024

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10:00 AM

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 3, 2024



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Welcome! If you would like more information about our community, please fill out a blue visitor card. Throughout the order of worship, if the print is in bold, words may be spoken in unison.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

THIS IS OUR STORY [video]

PRELUDE

“Aria”

Craig Phillips

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lydia Hoffman

One: Artist of souls, You sculpted us in Your image, and walk beside us through the wilderness.

All: Help us to hear Your story for us and our world

One: so that we might hunger for the feast of Your holy friendship

All: and thirst for the living water You offer

One: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lydia Hoffman

One: God, we admit to You, each other, and ourselves that we have been captured by stories that aren't true.

All: Stories that promise more, but only for some. That promises happiness, but only for ours. Stories that say we are the center, the point, and the only thing that matters.

One: Love us into Your story, Lord God. Help us to want what is holy.

All: Help us to love ourselves as Your creatures, our neighbors as ourselves, and the world as Your gift and creation.

One: Help us to live the good news.

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lydia Hoffman

One: The compassion of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

All: God's mercy is new every morning, great is God's faithfulness.

One: Let us believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

***HYMN**

"Kumbaya"

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SCRIPTURE

Joshua 3:14-17

Ann Sanborn

John 2:13-22

Charlotte Towns

INTERGENERATIONAL SERMON

Rev. Amelia Edson

***HYMN**

"On Eagle's Wings"

No. 77

Ushers will collect prayer cards during this hymn.

THE FEAST OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PREFACE

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

RETELLING THE STORY

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

THE SUNG LORD'S PRAYER

No. 307

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

“There Is a Savior”
Chancel Choir

arr. Mary McDonald

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***DOXOLOGY**

No. 46

***BENEDICTION**

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RESPONSE**

“Masithi” (“Sing Amen”)
South African song of praise

No. 30

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“The Solid Rock”
Ann Sanborn, saxophone

arr. Keith Wilbanks

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** Please stand in body or spirit*

We strive to use a diversity of language to describe God, in line with the diversity of images and metaphors in our Scripture. Many hymns and prayers default to male language. Please use the language that allows you to worship best, knowing that all human speech about God is metaphoric and ultimately incomplete.



Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding: Rev. Amelia Edson

Minister of Music: Jan Stover

Minister of Children & Families: Lydia Hoffman

Ushers: Alyce Graves, Susan Perry

Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais



Forms for ordering Easter flowers are now available in Fellowship Hall. All orders must be received by March 17 for inclusion in the Easter bulletin.

