

**Order of Worship**  
**1st Sunday in Lent/Communion Sunday**  
**6 March 2022**

**Prelude**

Laura Murach

**Welcome**

Deacon

**Opening Prayer**

**God of homecoming and leave-taking, God of exile and return, teach us to trust this very moment. Make for us a home right where we are. We spend our time dreaming of a future that rarely turns out just as we imagine or longing for a past that never was quite as we remember. All the while you offer us heaven here in this miraculously ordinary place in this extraordinary everyday moment. Open our hearts to your abundant and everlasting life. Amen.**

**Hymn**

**"I Stand Amazed"**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tK1AWAwqFy0>

Norton Hall Band(video)

**Message for All**

Sarah Pradhan(video)

**Scripture**

Deacon

As we hear the words of scripture,  
**Let us listen in the words for the Word of God.**

Jeremiah 29:1-14

The grass withers and the flower fades,  
**But the Word of God shall stand forever.**

**Message**

**"Heaven Right Here"**

Pastor Todd

**Bell Choir**

**"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

**Prayers of the People**

Pastor Todd

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayers.**

**Disciple'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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen.**

**Hymn of Preparation**

**"As We Gather at Your Table"**

Black Hymnal #332 vss. 1 & 3

### Invitation to the Table

Jesus gathered his followers together round a table and they ate the Passover meal as a family of faith. Each person there brought to the gathering talents and growing edges. They had hopes and dreams, disappointments, and fears. Sometimes they all got along, and sometimes they didn't, but they were bound together by their love and belief in Jesus.

Today we are the family Jesus has gathered together for this meal. We are the people who bring all that we are, and all that we hope to be, to the table. We are brothers and sisters by faith, the Body of Christ, children of God. We have all received Jesus' invitation to share the bread and cup so Come! Eat! and know that you have found a common home and family in Jesus Christ.

### The Great Thanksgiving

In the beginning, God took a blank canvas  
and painted our world.

Light filled the universe; colors streamed out:  
the blues of the sky and water, the greens of the  
trees and grass, the yellow of the sun, and reds,  
purples, oranges, and every color in-between of  
the flowers.

People whose skin reflected every hue filled the earth,  
our beautiful, amazing, wondrous  
God-given home.

We now had responsibility for the future of our planet and everything  
that inhabited it, including each other.

God's hope for this future was for us to make a  
heaven on earth:

a place of harmony and peace,  
equity and compassion,  
tolerance and positive regard,  
a home that was safe for all its creatures.

Despite God's best efforts through men and women,  
prophets and kings, however,  
human failings made necessary God's most  
heart-felt intervention:

Jesus Christ was born,  
God's own Son, sent to resurrect the original vision  
of God's peaceable Kingdom.

And so with your people on earth  
and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### Words of Institution

### Prayer of Consecration

### Sharing the Elements

### Prayer After Communion

We are grateful, Lord, for this food of your body and spirit, reminding us of your deep love of us and your desire that we live in harmony and peace with our neighbors. Show us the way as your people to make our church a home for those who need love, attention, nurturing, and a sense of belonging. Break open our hearts and extinguish any resistance we might have so all will truly be welcome as one of our family. Encircle this family as well as all the families of our community, nation, and world so that every person might feel safe and cared for. We ask all these things in the precious name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Sung Response

“Thank you, Lord”

United Methodist Hymnal #84

Thank you, Lord  
Thank you, Lord  
Thank you, Lord  
I just want to thank you, Lord.

### Closing Song

“Great Is Your Faithfulness”

Black Hymnal #423 Laura Murach

### Charge and Blessing

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;  
Be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;  
Render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;  
Support the weak; help the afflicted;  
Honor all people; love and serve God;  
Rejoicing through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen

### Parting Song

As we go now, from this moment  
As we leave behind our time together.  
May we walk with, one another  
May we help each other on the way.

As we go now, from this moment  
As we go into the future together.  
May we treasure one another,  
May we realize how precious we are  
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### Postlude