

February 18, 2024  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

Greeting and Announcements

Welcome Statement

*(Printed on the bulletin insert)*

Silence

*...a time to breathe...*

Prelude and Bringing in the Light

Call to Worship

(Joanna Harader SpaciousFaith.com)

Leader: We come as seekers,

People: **Unsure of what we seek.**

Leader: We come as followers,

People: **Not understanding the One we follow.**

Leader: We come to worship,

People: **Even though we don't know how.**

Leader: Holy One, by your grace,

All: **Meet us where we are.**

*Meet us here. Meet us now.*

*Amen.*

\* 1<sup>st</sup> Hymn

*Praise to the Living God*

(NCH #8)

Prayer (Unison)

Holy One, we confess: we often are not the people we should be. We are not the church you called us to be. We will never save the world. We will never revive this congregation. This is the truth we confess. But we also confess, Holy God, your love for us and for our world—that in your goodness you forgive our failure; and in your kindness you cover our deficiency. And so we trust that your grace has saved us and your Spirit will revive us. For all of this we are grateful. Amen.

Promise

*There is no wrong you can confess for which you have not already and long ago been forgiven. This is the gospel for you today—the good news by which we are made whole and for which we say...*

***Thanks be to God!***

• Sung Response

*Breathe on me breath of God; fill me with life anew;  
That I may love what you do love and do what you would do.*

Invitation to the Table

*All Our Days*

Without exception, everyone is welcome at this table. So if you're hungry, or even just curious, please come and taste.

Kid's Time

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading

Mark 10:17-22

2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading

Mark 10:26-27

Sermon

*"...it is impossible..."*

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

• Sung Response

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow...*

• Gratitude Prayer (Unison)

\* Open our hearts, Loving God, to receive all you have to give us; and then open our hands to give it all away. Shape us into a generous people. Teach us to live by your grace and for those you love we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen

\* Closing Hymn

*The Summons*

(On Screen)

\* Benediction

*A prayer in the dark*

*Let the Blessing we desire,*

*Be abundantly bestowed*

\* Postlude

*On those who would do us harm...*