

## Virtual Worship for February 21, 2021

### **WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee**

From water to wilderness:  
God's covenant continues;  
God's kingdom comes near.  
On stone and in hearts:  
God's covenant continues;  
God's kingdom comes near.  
From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:  
God's covenant continues;  
God's kingdom comes near.  
We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,  
for where he is, we would be also.  
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**PRELUDE – Amazing Grace, trad.,  
Grace Wepner Ludke, harp**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Rev. Nate Sell**

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 Christ's name we pray. Amen.

## **HYMN – Be Thou My Vision, Hymn 450**

### **Starmount Ensemble**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## **SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 1:9-15**

### **The Baptism of Jesus**

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."

### **The Temptation of Jesus**

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.

### **The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry**

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."

**SERMON – “Where Do We Start?”**  
**Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee**

**ANTHEM – The Yearning, Craig Courtney**  
**Starmount Ensemble**

There is a yearning in hearts weighed down by ancient grief and centuries of sorrow.  
There is a yearning in hearts that in the darkness hide  
and in the shades of death abide, a yearning for tomorrow.

There is a yearning, a yearning for the promised One, the First-born of creation.  
There is a yearning for the Lord who visited His own, and by His death for sin atoned,  
to bring to us salvation.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts the yearning.  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts the yearning.

There is a yearning that fills the hearts of those who wait the day of His appearing.  
There is a yearning when all our sorrows are erased and we shall see the One  
who placed within our hearts the yearning.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts the yearning.  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts the yearning.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & BENEDICTION**  
**Rev. Nate Sell**