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FAT SUNDAY

Gathering

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

By Brian Doerksen (adapted Gary Barmore)

Come, now is the time to worship;
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come just as you are to worship;
Come just as you are before your God.

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Ev'ry day we live in the light of God's love,
Ev'ry day we walk by faith.
Now we're here to open our hearts once more,
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Connecting

(opportunity to greet one another)

Singing

A Wilderness Wandering People

by Jim Strathdee

We are a wilderness wandering people on a journey of the soul.
May we find our destination in our longing to be whole.
Our Holy God is calling to us. With Jesus by our side,
may compassion be our compass; may the Spirit be our guide.

May we cherish all our children; let us heal our family's pain.
Help us cure our city's madness; let love and justice reign.
Reconciled with one another, in prayer and praise and song,
we're the body of Christ together, and we know that we belong.
We belong, we belong, we belong.

Centering

Jaime Reza

Step inside!
Feel the solid ground beneath your feet.
Release your worries. Inhale deeply. Clear the clutter from your mind.
Loosen the tension in your jaw.
Let our hearts and minds embrace the truth.
This space is sacred ground.
The journey of Lent has commenced.
We gather with wandering hearts at times adrift, seeking purpose for our lives.
May we discover the courage to be vulnerable with ourselves, one another, and with the Divine.
This sanctuary grants us the liberty to face each other with fortitude, empathy, and humility.
Let us unveil the layers shielding our innermost selves.
May this Lenten season stir our hearts and thoughts,
enriching our faith journey and our capacity to love.

Fresh Word

Ministry with Young People

Praying

Craig Tyrl MFA, MA

Administrative Pastor

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Ken Medema

Lord, Listen to your children praying, Lord, Send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Offering

We Are an Offering

By Dwight Liles

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.
God, use our voices, God, use our hands,
God, use your lives, they are yours,
We are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you;
we are an offering, we are an offering.

Reading

Luke 5:1-11

Craig Tyrl

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Learning

**Craig Tyrl MFA, MA
Administrative Pastor**

Sending

Carry the Light

By Debby Moylan

We have all witnessed your presence,
We have received your grace.
We give you honor and glory,
For moving in this place.

Now we go out to share the good news.
Now we go out to share your love.
Now we go out to share the good news.
Now we go out to share your love:

Carry the light! Carry the light!
Carry the light to all the Earth!
Carry the light! Carry the light!
Carry the light of Jesus Christ!

Departing

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