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CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to remember all who have walked your way, O God.
Who responded to your call like Noah and followed where you led.

**All: May we use this time of Lent to repent of our mistakes,
to promise to recommit to the covenant with you,
and return to the path you have called us to.**

God of creation,

All: we gather humbly as your creatures.

You invite us to follow the way.

All: Help us to choose to follow.

Draw near to us, O God,

All: as we draw near to you.

HYMN 752 O Love that wilt not let me go

O love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee:
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller, be.

O joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee:
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee:
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee:
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms
red life that shall endless be.

CONFESSION

Loving God, we give thanks
for your remembering of your promises,
and your forgetting of our sins;
for your perseverance in reaching out to us,
for Jesus who, more than any other,
is for us a bridge between earth and heaven,
a window into the mystery of your being
and a pointer to what we may yet become.

**All: Our God, you do not need us to tell you
how we have failed to keep our side of every bargain
ever made. But we have tried,
and by your grace we will go on trying,
secure in the knowledge
that your love will never fail;
your grace is all we need.**

**Help us, in this season of Lent, to take time out,
to face our failings, and to recommit ourselves to following in
the way of Christ, wherever that may lead,
and whatever it may cost us. Amen.**

Hymn This little light 808

This little light of mine
i'm gonna let it shine
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I'm gonna let it shine
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I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine let it shine let it shine

The light that shines
is the light of love
Lights the darkness from above
It shines on me and it shines on you
And shows what the power
of love can do
I'm gonna shine my light
both far and near
I'm gonna shine my light
both bright and clear
Where there's a dark
corner in this land
In gonna let my little light shine

On Monday,
he gave me the gift of love
Tuesday, peace came from above
On Wednesday
he told me to have more faith
On Thursday
he gave me a little more grace
Friday,
he told me just to watch and pray
Saturday, he told me just what to say
On Sunday
he gave me the power divine
To let my little light shine

READING Genesis 9:8-17

TALK

HYMN

Who put the colours in the rainbow?
Who put the salt into the sea?
Who put the old into the snowflake?
Who made you and me?

Who put the hump upon the camel?
Who put the neck upon the Giraffe?
Who put the tail upon the monkey?
Who made hyeanas laugh?

Who made whales and snail quails?
Who made hogs and dogs and frogs?
Who made bats and rats and cats?
Who made everything?

Who put the gold into the sunshine?
Who put the sparkle in the stars?
Who put the silver in the moonlight?
Who made Earth and Mars?

Who put the scent into the roses?
Who taught the honey bee to dance?
Who put the tree inside the acorn?
It surely can't be chance?

Who made seas and leaves and trees?
Who made snow and winds that blow?
Who made streams and rivers flow?
God made all of these!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made all things?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

PRAYERS

Thank you, God, for rainbows:
Rich Red, Outrageous Orange and Yummy Yellow,
Gorgeous Green and Brilliant Blue,
Impudent Indigo and Vibrant Violet;
all of them together a sight for sore eyes,
and a boost for hopeless hearts.

Thank you that they come on rainy days,
just when we need them most.
Thank you for paints and crayons,

paper, glue and sparkly sequins,
so that we can do what you do
when people are sad, or tired, or sore:
we can surprise them with a rainbow. Amen.

**All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

NOTICES

HYMN 702

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

BLESSING

Gracious God, may your love fill us, transform us, sustain us
and flow through us, this day and always. And the blessing.... Amen.

You are children of the Covenant,
living under the rainbow's arch and promise,

**All We go in hope and grace,
in love and wonder,
to serve all creation
and to be a witness
to the mercy of God. Amen.**

