



## **Worship Moment**

### **First Sunday in Lent**

Fairlawn-West  
United Church of Christ  
February 21, 2021

#### **Welcome**

#### **Holy Communion: The Bread of Life**

You may wish to prepare ahead of time bread and juice, or whatever you have available.

#### **Opening Prayer**

Faithful God, you called all creatures into being, and you care for each one.  
Send your grace upon your people gathered today for worship,  
that we may follow your ways of truth, and walk in the paths of steadfast love,  
proclaiming the good news of Christ Jesus. Amen.

#### **Song of Spiritual Devotion:** Forever

**Scripture:** Psalm 25.1-10 (CEB)

**Scripture Reflection:** Rev. Debbie Rhinesmith, Pastor

#### **Song of Spiritual Purpose:** To You, O Lord

#### **Holy Communion: The Cup of Blessing**

Creating and Renewing God, in this season of Lent we each need opportunities to clear our eyes of the glaze of indifference and apathy. Help us get our minds off distractions, obsessions and self-pity. Draw us into right relationship with you and all your creation, and help us find clarity and courage to do works of justice and compassion. Re-orient head and heart so that we may fill our whole selves with life-affirming activities and thoughts. Amen.

#### **Commission**

Go forth into the world and be of good courage.  
Hold fast to that which is good, render to no person evil for evil,  
strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the afflicted, honor all people.  
Love and serve God rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### **Benediction**

And may the peace of God, which is beyond our understanding,  
keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus who is Lord of all.

**We thank Steve Rhinesmith and Karen Myers for providing music for this service.**

#### **Invitation**

**\*Lent Conversation Groups:** We're putting Bible study on hold during Lent to focus on our daily devotional book "Walking in the Wilderness" by Beth A. Richardson. You're invited to join the conversation on Tuesday at 11:30am or Wednesday at 6:30pm. Please contact the church office to reserve a copy of the book.

## **Forever**

**Chris Tomlin**

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We praise You Lord, our God and sing  
Your love endures forever  
You are God, creator of all things  
Your love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise  
Sing praise, sing praise

Your mighty works - their wondrous form  
Your love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn  
Your love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise  
Sing praise, sing praise

### ***Chorus:***

Forever You are faithful, forever You are strong  
Forever You are with us with us – forever  
Forever You are faithful, forever You are strong  
Forever You are with us with us – forever  
Forever

From the rising to the setting sun  
Your love endures forever  
By Your good grace we'll carry on  
Your love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise  
Sing praise, sing praise

### ***Chorus***

**Scripture:** Psalm 25.1-10 (Common English Bible)

I offer my life to you, Lord. **2** My God, I trust you. Please don't let me be put to shame!  
Don't let my enemies rejoice over me! **3** For that matter, don't let anyone who hopes in you  
be put to shame; instead, let those who are treacherous without excuse be put to shame.

**4** Make your ways known to me, Lord; teach me your paths.

**5** Lead me in your truth—teach it to me—because you are the God who saves me.  
I put my hope in you all day long.

**6** Lord, remember your compassion and faithful love—they are forever!

**7** But don't remember the sins of my youth or my wrongdoing. Remember me  
only according to your faithful love for the sake of your goodness, Lord.

**8** The Lord is good and does the right thing; he teaches sinners which way they should go.

**9** God guides the weak to justice, teaching them his way.

**10** All the Lord's paths are loving and faithful for those who keep his covenant and laws.

## **To You, O Lord**

Graham Kendrick

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To You O Lord I lift up my soul  
In you I trust, O my God

Do not let me be put to shame  
Nor let my enemies triumph over me  
Show me your ways and teach me your paths  
Guide me in truth - lead me on  
For you're my God, you are my Saviour  
My hope is in you each moment of the day

***Chorus:***

No one whose hope is in you  
Will ever be put to shame  
That's why my eyes are on you, Oh Lord  
Surround me, defend me, oh how I need you  
To you I lift up my soul, to you I lift up my soul

Remember Lord your mercy and love  
That ever flow from of old  
Remember not the sins of my youth  
Or my rebellious ways

***Chorus x2***