

MARCH 22, 2020

LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES



**SECOND
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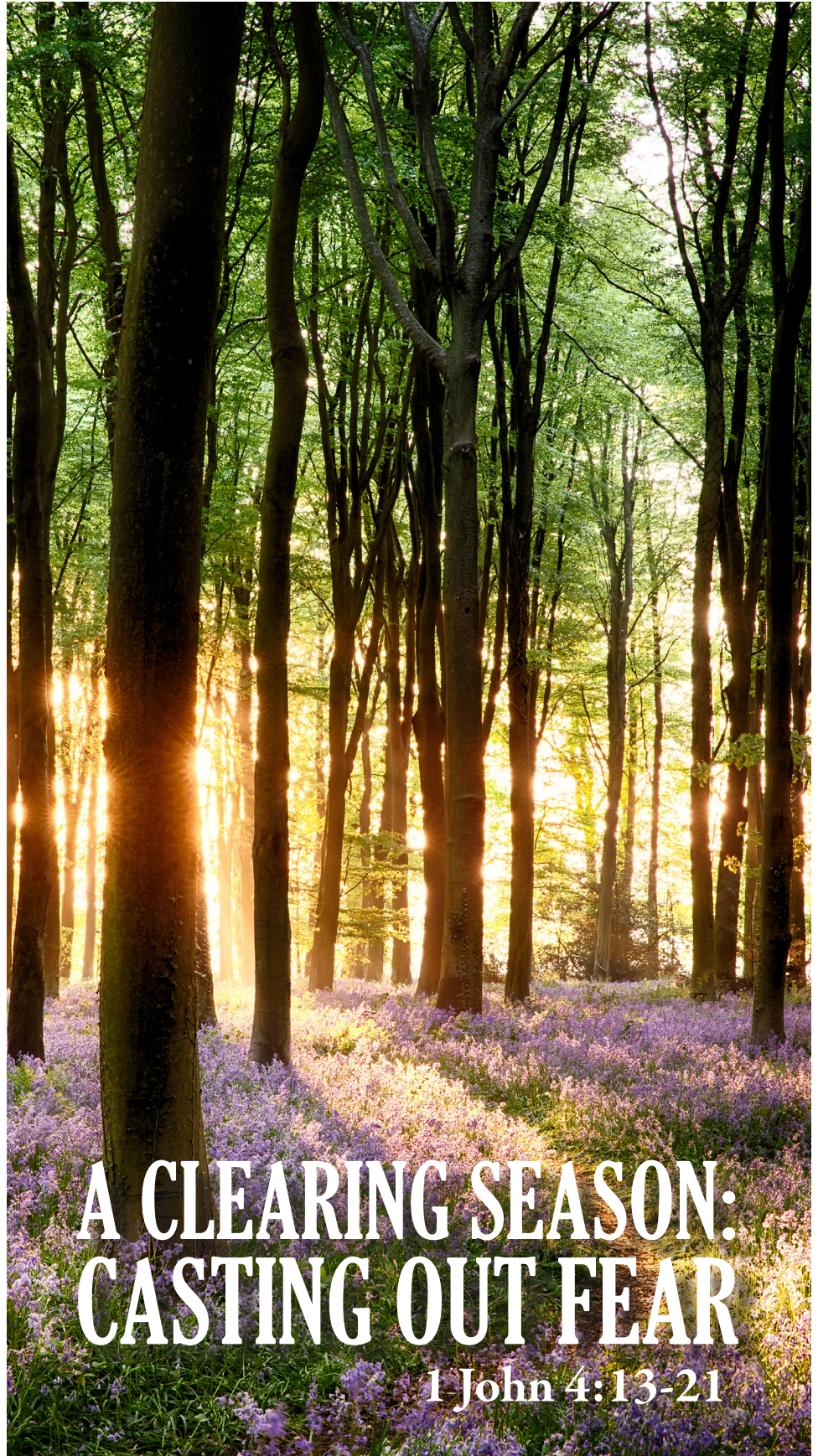
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*I know that, together, we can
do the next right thing. And the
one after that. And, no matter
how long it takes or how deep the
darkness, together we will walk
each other into the light.*

—Rev. Chris Henry

Next Sunday, March 29

11 a.m. (LiveStream)
Rev. Christopher A. Henry
“A Clearing Season:
The Best Promise I Know”



A CLEARING SEASON: CASTING OUT FEAR

1 John 4:13-21

A welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives



Welcome! We are so glad to have you with us in worship this morning. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, we welcome you into this new sense of sanctuary – friends joined through Livestream and on Facebook and at home on TV – we are indeed a community of faith and we are most grateful to still share in fellowship, together.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Christopher A. Henry
Senior Pastor

Rev. David A. Berry
Associate Pastor for Mission

Rev. Karen L. Lang
Senior Associate Pastor for Congregational Life

Dr. Michelle Louer
Director of Music and Fine Arts

Sanctuary Choir Section Leaders
and Choral Scholars

Samuel Spade, baritone

Dr. John Allegar
Organist
Assistant Director of Music and Fine Arts

March 22, 2020 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

We Come Together as God's People

Prelude

Prelude in G Major, Op. 37, No. 2

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

+ Welcome

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

Call to Worship

*Pilgrims' Hymn (from the opera *The Three Hermits*)*

Stephen Paulus
(1949-2014)

Even before we call on Your name
To ask You, O God,
When we seek for the words to glorify You,
You hear our prayer;
Unceasing love, O unceasing love,
Surpassing all we know.

Glory to the father,
and to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in,
We breathe Your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast,
We trust in You;
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace,
Beyond all mortal dream.

Both now and forever,
And unto ages and ages,
Amen.

—Michael Dennis Browne

One: We come before God this day, the One who names each of us as a beloved child.

All: **In these sacred moments, we acknowledge God dwelling in us.**

One: We come before the Spirit this day, the One who calms our fears with peace and hope.

All: **Sent by the Spirit, we seize opportunities to serve.**

One: We come to worship God whose love claims us and whose Spirit sends us.

Prayers of Adoration and Assurance

Rev. David A. Berry

* Those who are able may stand. + Latecomers may be seated.

* **Response of Praise** *Gloria Patri* (Hymn #579)
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

We Experience God's Word

Prayer for Illumination Deacon Cindi Odle

First Lesson Psalm 63:1-8 (p. 516)

Anthem *O Lord, Increase My Faith* Henry Loosemoore (c. 1600-1670)

O Lord, increase my faith; strengthen me and confirm me in Thy true faith;
 Endue me with wisdom, charity, and patience in all my adversity.
 Teach me to say, "Amen".

Second Lesson 1 John 4:13-21 (p. 1112)

Sermon Rev. Christopher A. Henry

“Casting Out Fear”
“There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.”
 (1 JOHN 4:18)

We Give Thanks to God

Sermon Response *The Waters of Life* James Biery (b.1956)

The voice of God calls us above the waters,
 The glory of the Son shines on us,
 The love of the Spirit fills us with life.

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* **Affirmation of Faith** (from the Iona Abbey Community) Rev. Karen L. Lang

**With the whole church, we affirm that we are made in God's image,
 befriended by Christ, and empowered by the Spirit.**
**With people everywhere, we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity,
 planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**
**With all creation, we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life,
 the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world. Amen.**

Call to Generosity

Offertory

Wenn ich mit Menschen und mit Engelszungen redete
(from *Vier ernste Gesänge*, (Four Serious Songs), Op. 121)

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

*Wenn ich mit Menschen und mit Engelszungen redete,
und hätte der Liebe nicht,
so wär ich ein tönend Erz, oder eine klingende Schelle.
Und wenn ich weissagen könnte und wüßte alle Geheimnisse und alle Erkenntnis,
und hätte allen Glauben,
also, daß ich Berge versetzte, und hätte der Liebe nicht, so wäre ich nichts.
Und wenn ich alle meine Habe den Armen gäbe,
und ließe meinen Leib brennen
und hätte der Liebe nicht,
so wäre mir's nichts nütze.
Wir sehen jetzt durch einen Spiegel in einem dunklen Wort,
dann aber von Angesicht zu Angesichte.
Jetzt erkenne ich's stückweise;
dann aber werde ichs erkennen,
gleichwie ich erkannt bin.
Nun aber bleibet Glaube, Hoffnung, Liebe, diese drei;
aber die Liebe ist die größte unter ihnen.*

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels,
and have not charity,
I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.
And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries,
and all knowledge;
and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains,
and have not charity, I am nothing.
And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor,
and though I give my body to be burned,
it profiteth me nothing...
For now we see through glass, darkly;
but then face to face:
now I know in part, but then shall I know even as also I am known.
And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three;
but the greatest of these is charity.

—Text: I Corinthians 13:1-3, 12-13 [German Translation-Martin Luther; English Translation-Richard Stokes]

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

* **Sung Amen**

Danish

We Go Forth to Serve

* Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response

Wade in the Water

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes
(b. 1953)

Wade in the water.

Wade in the water, children,
God's gonna trouble the water.

Down in the valley, down on my knees
Askin' my Lord to save me please.

Wade in the water.

Wade in the water, children,
God's gonna trouble the water.

Up on the mountain, Jehovah, he spoke,
Out of his mouth came fire and smoke.

I heard a rumblin' up in the sky,
Must-a been Jesus passin' by.

You gotta wade in the water.
You gotta wade in the water, children,
God's gonna trouble the water.

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Deaths:

Norma Babbitt
Jean Christian

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