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Sunday, February 14, 2016, 10:00am
Theme: Sharing the Bread of Our Journey

✠ indicates stand as you are able
Bold indicates participation by the people

MV = More Voices
VU = Voices United

We Gather With

PRELUDE: *Kari Orosz – Let Us Break Bread Together~ arr. Cindy Berry*

WELCOME & GREETING VISITORS (*Leader*)

✠GREETING ONE ANOTHER (Please feel free to move around)

SPIRIT LINES (Announcements)

CHRIST CANDLE, SILENCE, & TONE BOWL

INTROIT: *You Are Holy (Projected)*

MV#45

CALL TO WORSHIP: (*Projected – Responsive*)

One: We have travelled across God's land to join together and worship God in this space.

All: God is our companion throughout life.

One: God has given us many gifts and offers us a place to live together, sharing all that God has given to us.

All: We remember when God was with us when we were wandering, lonely, fruitless.

One: God answers our pleas for guidance, companionship, and provisions with abundance.

All: God promises to provide for our needs. We open our hearts to God's promise and celebrate the giving of our gifts to God.

One: Come, let us worship.

OPENING PRAYER: *(Leader)*

Introduction As we settle into the Season of Lent, may we remember God's presence with the people of Israel during their captivity in Egypt and journey through the wilderness. They were alien, oppressed, suffering, alone. God led them to a place of abundance, joy, and celebration.

Jesus, too, went into the wilderness and was berated, tempted, and famished. God was with Jesus – in Spirit and in God's word.

Picture the desert and wilderness places in the world today, where people are hungry, outcast, tortured, separated from loved ones, oppressed, and imprisoned. How might we be companions to those who are experiencing this wilderness?

Prayer God, open our hearts and minds to know the paths you have placed before us to be better examples of your covenant people during this Season of Lent, this season of journey and abundance for all. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM - *Please see insert*
Rylan Maher, son of Claire & Richard Maher

✠HYMN: *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry (Projected)* **VU#644**

(Children and Youth are invited to join with their leaders at one of the entrances to the Sanctuary)

Open Minds

SCRIPTURE: *Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (NRSV)*

Scripture Reader: Elaine Gray

Affirmation:

One: This is the witness of The Church,
Many: thanks be to God!

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *Dick Worton, Trumpet Solo & Kari Orosz, Piano*
– Ave Maria – by F. Schubert

THE MESSAGE: *“This Land Is My Land”*

Open Hands

†HYMN: *When We Seek Language (Projected)*

MV#49

MINUTE FOR MISSION: *“Bread Not Stones”*

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS *(Leader)*

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS

with our Tithes, Offerings, & Prayers.

(Please print clearly and place your Prayer Slips in the Prayer Baskets.)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *Dick Worton, Trumpet Solo & Kari Orosz, Piano*
- Star of the County Down – Traditional Irish Melody

†OFFERTORY: *All Is Done for the Glory (Projected)*

MV#34

†OFFERTORY PRAYER (*Unison, Projected*)

We look around and see poverty, violence, sadness, and loss. You give us gifts that can be used for justice, peace, happiness, and comfort. May these gifts be an extension of your love and presence to others who are in need this day as we seek to engage the world with open hands, open hearts, and open minds. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER: *Where Two or Three Are Gathered (Projected)*

MV#14

PASTORAL PRAYERS & PRAYER OF JESUS

Open Hearts to Each Other and the World

†COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION: *(Leader)*

†HYMN: *Take Off Your Shoes (Projected)*

POSTLUDE

Participating in worship leadership today: Rev. Bob, Rev. Tracy, Kari Orosz, Dick Worton, Jeff McLean, Elaine Gray, Don Mills, David Gray, Roger Anderson, Cathy Rivard, Myrna Malanik, Andrew Taylor-Kerr, Mark Wagner.