


CHRIST AMONG US, Repent and Believe

Lent 1; February 18, 2024

Assisted listening devices are available at the sound desk at the back of the sanctuary. 

SILENT PRELUDE

As we embark on this Lenten journey, our faith calls us to walk as Christ did in the wilderness. Take a few moments to contemplate the image of wilderness and the path. Where do you find yourself on this path? Who is with you?

GATHERING

Jeremy Kropf, Song Leader

Spirit of God! Descend

VT #557

Welcome

Nathan Perrin

Call to Worship

Leader: Teach us your pathways, O God—
our eyes and our souls are trained on you.

**People: For you are the greatest guide,
and your map is always good.**

Leader: Other paths have left us lost;
other ways have left us confused.

**People: You guide us along the trail of your mercy,
drawing sinner and saint
down this well-worn way.**

**All: All your paths are love,
worn deep by your faithful walking.
We are led into your truth
by following the tread of your feet.**

—Based on Psalm 25

Opening Prayer

PRAISING

Bless the Lord, My Soul

VT #127

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

VT #98

CONFESSING

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God, on Ash Wednesday, we remembered our humanity, our fragility, our limits, our sinfulness, our need for repentance. Today, we come to you with this fresh on our minds as we continue our Lenten journey.

People: Be with us in this wilderness.

Leader: We so often focus on the difficulty of our walk with Christ.

People: Forgive our self-focused minds.

Leader: Forgive us, Lord, when on our journey, we forget your extensive, covenantal love for the world.

People: May we partner with you and your church to remember.

All (looking at one another): You are beloved.

Words of Assurance

Music for Meditation

Kristen Burk, Karin Edwards

Nazareth (Gounod)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Story

Alice Kabira

Scripture Reading

Cynthia Kimball

Leader: Listen for the Word of the Lord.

People: Our ears are open.

Mark 1: 9-15

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Barbara Krehbiel Gehring
"The Voice"

Listening for the Spirit

Praise God/All Praise to Thee

Music for Reflection Kristen Burk, Karin Redekopp Edwards
Offertoire (Peron)

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

Offering Prayer

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness,

People: hear our prayer.

Work of the Church

SENDING

Teach Me Thy Truth

VT #776

Words of Blessing

Announcements

- Do you want to show support for your Palestinian neighbors and hear more from them directly? Are you looking for an additional Lenten practice? Consider participating in **Walk-A-Story, A Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage**. We'll map the length of Gaza (25 miles) onto DuPage County by walking 5 miles on 5 consecutive Saturdays, starting this coming Saturday (Feb 24). Come for as many of the Saturdays as you can for the opportunity to hear from Palestinian voices directly and learn about their lives as we walk. Contact the church office for more information.

This Week's Activities

Today	Nursery: Arlee Blackburn, Noah Rhodes	10:00 AM
	Nursery: Eric Nelessen, Evan Richards	11:30 AM
	Adult Christian Formation	11:30 AM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topics on LGBTQ+ Inclusion (Sanctuary) • Meditation Class (Office Wing Classroom) 	
	<u>Serving Today:</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder • Greeter: Amanda Olsen • Coffee Host: Linea Richards • Church Opening & Lockup: Lyle Bohnert, Vacant 	
Tue	Contemplative Prayer, via Zoom	7:00 PM
Wed	Women of the Word Bible Study	9:30 AM
Thu	Menno Men	9:30 AM