

***Normandy Park United Church of Christ
February 26, 2023***

**Come in, get breakfast, have a seat,
and introduce yourself to your table mates**

QUESTIONS for discussion at your table:

What do you need for your Lenten journey this year?


What do you need to leave behind?

Bolded text is read and sung in unison


OPENING SONG ~ “Morning Has Broken”

Morning Has Broken

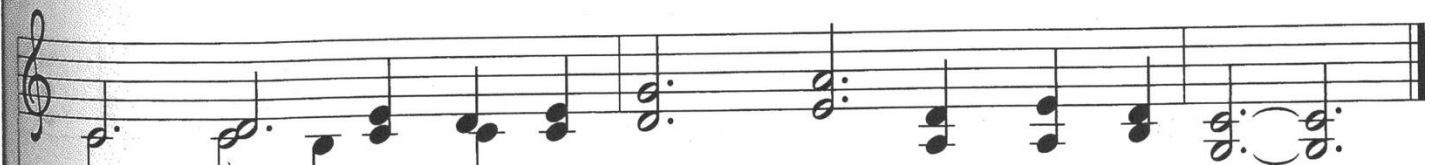
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1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

WORDS OF GATHERING

Listen!

There is hope to be found here.

Listen!

God calls you by name here.

Listen!

There is love that abides here.

This world is full of chatter, so may we do our best to listen.

God is speaking.

Let us worship.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC ~ *Guest Musician: Searely Camarillo-Gonzalez*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Holy God,

Too often we treat your Word like a radio station—

Something we can tune in and out of when it's convenient.

Our minds are full of ads, emails, news updates, and notifications.

In the midst of this clutter,

We tend to gravitate toward the voices that think like us—

Easily ignoring the voices being silenced,

Easily ignoring your voice.

Forgive us for failing to listen.

Forgive us for getting caught in distractions.

Forgive us for forgetting what your voice sounds like.

Drain the distractions from our minds

And help us turn once again toward you.

With earnest hearts we pray, Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, even when we tune God out,
Even when we prioritize other voices,
even when we do all the talking and fail to listen,
We are still held by God.

Our sins are forgiven.

Nothing could ever separate us from God's love.

So with joy in our hearts, please repeat after me:

I am loved!

I am loved!

I am held in grace!

I am held in grace!

I belong to God.

I belong to God.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE ACTIVITY ~ Matthew 4:1-11

Blackout poetry handouts on your tables

SONG ~ "Listening Now" (x2)

***We're so thank-ful that you are still speaking,
Your still speak-ing, grac-ious God,
For the sake of the world You are seeking
We are list-'ning, list-'ning now.***

REFLECTION

SONG ~ "Lord, Be Glorified"

***In my life Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied.
In my life Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.
In my song God, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied,
In my song God, be glo-ri-fied to-day.
In your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied.
In your church Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.***

JOYS AND CONCERNS

- Bill, Judy's friend
- Gloria J.
- Ida and Jason, Nancy S.'s sister and nephew
- Jim, Lynn Z.'s brother
- Jon C.
- Judy H., Nancy B.'s friend
- Lee W.
- Mack V.
- Marilyn, Mack's friend
- Megan
- Michael, Sue B.'s friend
- Patty, Judy J.'s cousin
- Sue B.
- Terry and Tom, Wenden and Bob's friends
- The Vaughan family
- Vic, Nancy A.'s friend
- Yoko S.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SINGING BOWL

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator (or Our Mother, or 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 sins,

As we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

And the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

AMEN (x5)

SHARING OUR TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter,
One God, Triune whom we adore. Amen.*

BLESSING

SONG ~ *“Go Now In Peace”*

*Go now in peace,
Go now in peace,
May the love of God surround you,
Everywhere, everywhere
You may go.*

Pastor: Rev. Amy Hitchens

Ministers: Every One of Us

Deacon of the Month: Nancy K.

Lay Leader and Guest

Accompanist: Stacie L.

Greeter: Cathy B.

Ushers: Mark H. and Gaddy P.

Technology: Vicki N.

Coffee Hour: Dorine S.

Worship credits:

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