



**MAKING**  
**ROOM**

PREPARE THE WAY FOR TRANSFORMATION

First Sunday in Lent  
February 21, 2021

# Contemporary Service - 9:30 am

## Scripture for Meditation

To all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. (John 1:12 NIV)

## Prelude

## Welcome

## Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all

**People: And also with you.**

## Opening Praise and Prayer

### Prepare the Way of the Lord

Music by Charlie Hall and Louie Giglio; CCLI Song # 3441008  
@ sixsteps music | worshiptogether.com songs

## Prayer of Confession

### King of Kings

Music by Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, and Scott Ligertwood; CCLI Song # 7127647  
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## Kids' Time

## Announcements

## Scripture Reading

### Mark 1:1-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

### Making Room in Your Heart

1<sup>st</sup> in the Series "Making Room: Prepare the Way for Transformation"

## Offering

### Holy Spirit

Music by Bryan and Kate Torwalt  
CCLI Song #6087919; © 2011 Capitol CMG Genesis | Jesus Culture Music

*(Offerings are received weekly via mail and [online giving](#).)*

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Closing Song**

**Prone to Wander**

Music by Chris Rice, CCLI Song #2317311

**Blessing**

**Postlude**

# Traditional Service - 11:00 am

## Scripture for Meditation

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he gave the right to become children of God. (John 1:12 NIV)

## Prelude

### Take My Heart, It Beats for Thee

(Siegfried Karg-Elert)

## Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all;

**People: And also with you.**

## Opening Hymn

### Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

#132

## Response

### Based on Isaiah 43:19-21

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

**We rejoice in our God, who made a way  
through the desert of this world.**

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy  
to flow in the wasteland.

**We are the people God has formed through Christ;  
we worship him, and we rejoice!**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**We praise God for the grace that has saved us.**

**Alleluia! We rejoice!**

## Prayer of Confession

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

According to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. (Psalm 51:1-2)

**All: O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being; teach us wisdom in our secret heart. By your grace and mercy, forgive us for turning from You and following the ways of this world. Send out your light, send out your truth, and let them lead us back to you. Take from us the weight of our sin, that room might be made for Your presence. If we prepare a dwelling place, the Spirit will abide within us, and the truth will set our spirits free. O Lord, by your mercy and grace do a new work within as we abide in You, that we might be conformed more and more into the image of Your beloved Son. Then shall we live in love, not only in word or in speech, but by our thoughts and actions as well, and by this others will know that we are your faithful servants.**

*(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News:  
People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**Gloria Patri**

**Anthem**

**Feet O' Jesus**

(Text: Langston Hughes/Music: Florence B. Price)

**Scripture Reading**

**Mark 1:1-8**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord  
All: **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

**Making Room in Your Heart**

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**Offering**

**Benedictus**

(Francois Couperin)

**Doxology**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Closing Hymn**

**Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within My Heart**

**#618**

(Verses, 1, 3-5)

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**In the Love of Christ Jesus**

(Paul Benoit)

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Welcome & Sermon  
Worship Leader and Liturgy  
Prayers of the People  
Scripture Reader  
Pianist (9:30)  
Vocals (9:30)  
Director of Music  
Organist (11:00)  
Soloist (11:00)  
A/V - Live-stream production  
A/V – Audio technician

Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard  
Rev. Greg Buell  
Roger Smith  
Rich Blue (9:30)  
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# Questions for Discussion

## Making Room in Your Heart: Mark 1:1-8

### Opening Discussion:

- Think of a time you had a special guest staying in your home. What did you do, above and beyond normal every-day activities, to prepare for their coming? What did you do to make sure that they felt welcome when they arrived? Why were you willing to take the extra effort?

### Digging Deeper:

- Read Mark 1:1-8.
- According to verse 2, what was John the Baptist's primary responsibility as the messenger of the Lord? Who was he making preparations for?
- Why do you think the Messiah's coming was so important to the Jews of the 1<sup>st</sup> century living in Roman Palestine?
- What was the primary way John helped others prepare for the Messiah's coming? (See verses 4+5.)
- How does verse 6 describe John the Baptist's lifestyle in the wilderness? Many scholars think he was trying to emulate the Old Testament prophet Elijah. Why would this be significant to Jewish people in his day?
- In verses 7 +8, how does John contrast himself with the Messiah? How is the baptism of water different than the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

### Life Application:

- How is receiving Jesus into our lives a one-time event? In what way is it a process?
- How have you humbled yourself in the past to receive Christ in your life?
- Where in your life do you need more of the Lord's transforming power? In what ways can the Lord's presence, Spirit, and Word impact your life and lead to that transformation?
- What spiritual practices have you used in the past to make room in your life for the Lord?
- What spiritual practice can you commit yourself to during this time in Lent to make room in your life for Christ to bring about further transformation for you?

### Suggestions for Prayer:

- Humble yourself before the Lord and offer him all the parts of your life.
- Ask the Lord to reveal himself more fully in your life as you make room for Him during this season of Lent.