



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
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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

1st 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

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Prelude

Take My Heart, It Beats for Thee

(Siegfried Karg-Elert)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

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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)

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All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

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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
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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 1st 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.