

**MAKING**  
**ROOM**

PREPARE THE WAY FOR TRANSFORMATION

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**March 7, 2021**

# Contemporary Service - 9:30 am

## Scripture for Meditation

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions-- it is by grace you have been saved.

(Ephesians. 2:4-5)

## 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

## Goodness of God

Music by Ed Cash and Jenn Johnson  
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## Prayer of Confession

## Stand in Your Love

Music by Robert S. Lowry, Matt Redman, and William Rees  
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## Kids' Time

## Announcements

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

## Scripture Reading

## Romans 5:12-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

## Making Room in Your Failures

3<sup>rd</sup> in the Series "Making Room: Prepare the Way for Transformation"

## Offering

## O Come to the Altar

Music by Christopher Brown, Mack Brock, Steven Furtick, and Wade Joye  
CCLI Song # 7051511 © 2015 Be Essential Songs

## **Celebration of The Lord's Supper**

### **Invitation to the Table**

### **Words of Institution**

### **Communion of the People**

### **Closing Prayer**

## **Affirmation of Faith**

## **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and was born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

## **Closing Song**

## **Who You Say I Am**

Music by Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan  
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## **Blessing**

## **Postlude**

# Traditional Service - 11:00 am

## Scripture for Meditation

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## Prelude

### Jesus, Priceless Treasure

J. W. Zachow

## 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

### Rejoice, You Righteous, in the Lord

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## Response: Psalm 107:1-9

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story—  
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,**

Those he gathered from the lands,  
from east and west, from north and south.

**Some wandered in desert wastelands,  
finding no way to a city where they could settle.**

They were hungry and thirsty,  
and their lives ebbed away.

**Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.**

He led them by a straight way  
to a city where they could settle.

**Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love  
and his wonderful deeds for mankind,**

For he satisfies the thirsty  
and fills the hungry with good things.

## Prayer of Confession

Pastor: Surely I was sinful at birth

Sinful from the time my mother conceived me

Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb

You taught me wisdom in that secret place. (Psalm 51:5-6)

**All:** O Lord, you desire truth and teach us wisdom in our inward being. 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**

### **Scripture Reading**

**Romans 5:12-21**

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God!

### **Sermon**

### **Making Room in Your Failures**

2<sup>nd</sup> in the Series "Making Room: Prepare the Way for Transformation"

### **Offering**

### **Bread of the World**

Edward Mead

### **Celebration of The Lord's Supper**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Prayers of the People**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Words of Institution**

**Communion of the People**

**Closing Prayer**

### **Communion Response Improvisation on Be Still, for the Presence**

David Evans

### **Affirmation of Faith**

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**Closing Hymn**

**Marvelous Grace**

**#696**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**When All Thy Mercies, O My God, Op. 95, #20**

Flor Peeters

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Welcome & Communion  
Sermon  
Prayers of the People (9:30)  
Scripture Reader

Pianist (9:30)  
Vocals (9:30)  
Director of Music  
Organist (11:00)  
A/V - Livestream production  
A/V – Audio technician

Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard  
Rev. Greg Buell  
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Carolyn Vogel (9:30)  
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Sharon Peterson  
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# Questions for Discussion

## Making Room in Your Failures: Romans 5:12-21

### Opening Discussion:

- Was there ever something you did in your childhood that got you into a lot of trouble? What was it and why did you do it? How did your parents respond?

### Digging Deeper:

- Read Romans 5:12-21.
- Verses 12 – 14 deal with the issue of general sin, the sinfulness of humanity (referred to simply here as sin). How did this sin enter into the world; who was responsible? What is the primary consequence of sin? Who suffers the consequences of sin? One, a few people, a lot of people, or everyone?
- Paul compares sin with “the gift” in verses 15-17. What is the gift and who brought it? Who is the gift for?
- How is this gift similar to the trespass referred to in verse 15? How is it different?
- Looking at the entire passage, what are the results of Adam’s one trespass? And what does the gift that comes through Jesus bring to humanity?

### Life Application:

- What do you think is more dangerous to humanity, general sin, or specific sins of the law? Explain your answer?
- When did you first hear the message of God’s grace through Jesus Christ? When did you first believe this good news?
- Do what degree to you see sin affecting your life now? How do you see sin affecting your thoughts, actions, behaviors, attitudes, and words?
- Is there an area of your life that has not been redeemed by God’s grace through Jesus Christ?

### Suggestions for Prayer:

- Spend time in prayer thanking God for his amazing grace through Jesus Christ, that salvation has been offered to you through the work of Christ.
- Lift up those areas of your life where you see yourself still falling short of complete faith and surrender to God and allow his grace to transform you.