

**Order of Worship**  
**February 21, 2021**

PRELUDE

GREETING/PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Brittany Watson

OPENING HYMN 269      *Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days*

*Lord, who throughout these forty days  
For us did fast and pray,  
Teach us to overcome our sins,  
And close by You to stay.*

*As You with Satan did contend  
And did the vict'ry win,  
O give us strength in You to fight,  
In You to conquer sin.*

*As You did hunger and did thirst,  
So teach us, gracious Lord,  
To die to self, and only live  
By Your most holy word.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Donna Hankins

CHILDREN'S TIME

Tammy Felder

LIGHTING OF THE EMPATHY CANDLE AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE      Rev. Haley Jones

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1: 9-15

Hope Coulter

SERMON

Rev. David C. Freeman

OFFERTORY

Clark Watson

A LENTEN PRAYER FOR EMPATHY

Jim & Ellen Yeary

**God, our world is bent and broken, but this didn't stop you from showing your great love for us by sending your son to empathize with us in our weakness. Help me to do likewise. Help me to view each person the way you see them. I recognize that in order to do that, I must be willing to share in the pain of others. Give me the courage to do so and respond with compassion and love. Allow me to be a part of your grace to heal the brokenness in this world. Let empathy and restoration start with me. Amen.**

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 415

*Take Up Thy Cross*

*"Take up your cross," the Savior said,  
"if you would my disciple be;  
take up your cross with willing heart,  
and humbly follow after me."*

*Take up your cross; let not its weight  
fill your weak spirit with alarm;  
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up  
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.*

*Take up your cross, heed not the shame,  
and let your foolish heart be still;  
the Lord for you accepted death  
upon a cross, on Calv'ry's hill.*

*Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength,  
and calmly ev'ry danger brave:  
it guides you to abundant life  
and leads to vict'ry o'er the grave.*

BENEDECTION

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