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WELCOME!!

We are so glad you are here!

LENT 2022 - TURNING



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John's Gospel invites us into a season of intentional turning. Our hearts turn with compassion for those who grieve. Our lives turn toward our neighbor in acts of solidarity and service. Our eyes turn toward the cross and we see Jesus turning the world upside down with love.

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Word Turns Flesh: *Jesus Raises Lazarus*

March 6, 2022
First Sunday
of Lent

A Time to Center

Prelude Music

Grounding Moment

As earth turns from sunrise to sundown

As seasons turn seamlessly from one to another

As our lives turn from praise to pain and back to praise again

So we turn toward God in worship.

In our homes

In our workplaces

In our beds

At our kitchen tables.

We bring all that we are

All that we long to be

And we lay it before God.

As we turn toward God

We discover the miraculous promise

That God is already turned toward us. Exactly where we are.

A Time to Gather

Welcome & Announcements

HYMN *I sought the Lord* HWB 506

CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS (*From Ecclesiastes*)

LEADER: As one season turns to another in the miracle of creation,
so we turn our hearts to God, who turns our mourning
into dancing and our brokenness into grace upon grace.

ALL: *Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us* HWB 352

LEADER: To everything there is a season,
and now is the season for turning

ALL: We turn to God with broken relationships

LEADER: Now is a time for healing

ALL: We turn to God with regrets we have held too long

LEADER: Now is a time for releasing

ALL: We turn to God with despair for what the world has become

LEADER: Now is a time for hoping

ALL: We turn to God with sighs too deep for words.

ALL: *Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us* HWB 352

LEADER: God declares to all people, now is the time for grace
Your sins are forgiven, your brokenness made whole.
Receive through Jesus Christ grace upon grace.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

When you raised Lazarus from the dead, you turned death to life and despair to hope. Help us see and believe that you enter into the pain and grief of our lives as well as our greatest joys, and are still at work turning the world around. Amen.

A Time to Reflect

Lighting the Peace Lamp & Praying for God's Peace

Children's Time

Scripture Readings
Sermon

Psalm 104:27-30; John 11:1-44

A Time to Pray

*Turning to God in prayer, we pour out our hearts,
confident in God's promise to hear and receive.*

Music for Meditation

Prayers of the People (with Lord's Prayer)

Response: LEADER: Lord, hear our prayer.

ALL: We turn to you, O God.

A Time to Give

Celebrating ways faith in Jesus leads to generosity toward others.

Generosity Moment

Prayer

A Time to Be Sent

SENDING HYMN *When peace, like a river* HWB 336

Benediction

*May God's face turn toward you
And shine on you.*

May God's unrelenting love

Give you strength on the hard days

And courage to turn toward compassion

For all who are hurting.

In the name of Jesus, who turns toward the cross

Bringing healing and hope for the world. Amen.

Postlude... *remain seated to receive the postlude as a musical sending and blessing. Sunday School classes and M&M's meet today after worship!*

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