

February 21, 2021

9:30 am

**First Sunday of Lent**

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*Text printed in **BOLD** in the bulletin indicates that everyone is to read and/or sing. However, in our virtual space we ask that all but the readers and musicians remain muted – you can still read aloud and sing at home!*

“Sing to the Source of Life a new song;  
make music out of sadness that blasts forth with joy”<sup>1</sup> Psalm 33:3

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**GATHERING TOGETHER**

**Welcome and Life of the Community (Announcements)**

**Opening Song**

*Grace Greater than Our Sin*

Larry Shackley

**Call to Worship<sup>2</sup>**

**One:** We cultivate the earth—

**All:** **When we till the ground and lay new seeds.**

**One:** We cultivate safe space—

**All:** **When we pay attention to what others need.**

**One:** We cultivate worship—

**All:** **When we come together, our hearts on our sleeves.**

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<sup>1</sup> Pamela Greenberg, *The Complete Psalms: the Book of Prayer Songs in a New Translation* (New York: Bloomsbury, 2010), 63.

<sup>2</sup> Adapted from A Sanctified Art. Written by Sarah Are. SanctifiedArt.org.

**One:** In this worship, may we be honest and present;

**All:** **May we be faithful and gracious.**

**One:** For the God of the soil, who is the God of our hearts, is near.

**All:** **Let us worship God.**

### **Opening Prayer**

**God, we are works in progress. In spaces where we could cultivate belonging, we build up walls. In spaces where we could cultivate compassion, we insist on perfection and pressure ourselves to achieve the impossible. In spaces where we could let go of anger, we keep score like it's our job and insist on an "eye for an eye" justice.**

**So today we pray—Remind us how to cultivate hope, love, and justice. Remind us how to let go of fear, perfection, and hatred. Forgive us. Guide us. Heal us. Gratefully we pray, Amen.**

### **HEARING THE WORD**

**Scripture Reading**

**Luke 10: 25-42**

**Time with Children: A Sunday School Lesson**

Rebecca Malke

**Special Music**

***Blest Be the Tie***

Music, Glenn A. Pickett; Based on a text by John Fawcett

**Reflection**

**Cultivating: The Intent of the Heart**

Pastor Kris

### **SHARING OUR LIVES**

**Call to Prayer**

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

### **Prayers of the People**

*During our online worship service, we invite you to type your prayers in the comments section on your screen. Pastor Kris will collect the petitions and read them during the service. Know that prayers shared this day are public. If you have prayer request you would like to remain private, you may email them to: [pastorkris@memorialucc.org](mailto:pastorkris@memorialucc.org)*

### **Prayer of Jesus**

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## Virtual Offering

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**Offertory**

***Blest Be the Tie That Binds***

Larry Shackley

## Prayer of Dedication<sup>3</sup>

**God of all bounty and blessing, receive our lives and our gifts to be bounty and blessings to you, our church, and the world. Amen.**

## GOING OUT TO THE WORLD

**Song of Preparation #393 Blessed Be the Tie That Binds<sup>4</sup>**

verses 1, 3 & 4

**Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The sharing of a common life is like to that above.**

**We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows a sympathizing tear.**

**When we are called to part it gives us inward pain,  
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.**

## Benediction<sup>5</sup>

**Postlude**

***Grace Greater than Our Sin***

Larry Shackley

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<sup>4</sup> Nägeli, Johann G., melody (c. 1768-1836). Adapt. Lowell Mason, 1845. *New Century Hymnal* #393.

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Readers: Sonjia Short and Barb Gallogly-Turner

Music Video Editor: Michael Bryant

Virtual Usher: Steve Gorton



***Stay for Virtual Coffee Hour!***

Following the service, you are invited to stay for conversation. Bring your own coffee, milk and/or donuts! All you need to do is to stay "in" Zoom as the service ends (don't click "leave meeting").

We will break into small groups that will last about 15 minutes. At the beginning of the breakout, introduce yourself, share how you are doing, and/or share where you have seen God this week. At the end of the 15 minutes we will gather again in a larger group and share our experiences.

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