

Our mission is to learn the way of  
Jesus together as we invite others to join  
us at His Table.

### Our Common Practices

#### We Gather

We gather for worship more often than not.  
We gather in smaller groups to connect, learn, and grow.  
We create hospitable space for one another.

#### We Grow

We attend the means of grace daily. (i.e. We attend to the  
presence of God through Scripture reading and meditation,  
prayer on behalf of others and myself, breath prayer,  
spiritual reading and study...).

We nurture our faith.

We attend to relationships that promote growth.  
We develop and learn as human beings made in the image  
of God.

#### We Give

We are a generous people who give our time and resources  
to the mission of God and the world.  
We tithe as the means through which our community enjoys  
fiscal health so as to minister generously.

#### We Go

We follow Jesus into the world as His healing presence.  
We help the vulnerable among us.  
We go into the world offering Jesus' invitation to gather at  
His Table.

### A Breath Prayer for the Lenten Season:

*"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have  
mercy on me."*

If you are a guest with us today, please take time to fill out  
a Connection Card located in the sanctuary chairs. After  
worship, an usher will be waiting to receive your card at  
the guest table in the lobby. As an expression of our  
hospitality, you will receive a mug filled with chocolates.

### Jesus, Remember Me

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Order of Worship  
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The Second Sunday in Lent

## We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music  
Welcome  
Call to Worship  
Worship Reading

## We Listen to the Scriptures

Pastoral Prayer  
Offering  
Sermon Series: Singing in the Dark  
Sermon: "A Song For Pilgrims"  
Scripture Reading: Psalm 121;  
Genesis 12.1-4 John 3.1-3

## We Come to the Table

Passing the Peace of Christ  
Song of preparation  
Prayer of Consecration  
The Lord's Prayer  
We Eat and Drink Together  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

## We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life  
Gossiping the Good Stuff  
Doxology  
Blessing and Sending

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## Sermon Reflection Guide

### Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.  
The Lord is your keeper;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.  
The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.  
The Lord will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.

### Genesis 12.1-4

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

### John 3.1-3

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

### Question for Everyone

(1) I am a homebody. If I never have to leave my house, I will be perfectly content. (10) I am wanderer. If I could, I would live the entirety of my life traveling from place to place, staying no more than three months at each location. Where would you place yourself on this range?

### Your Lenten Fast

How's your Lenten formation plan going? What elements are you finding most life giving? Challenging?

## Gathering to Worship

The first movement of corporate worship is gathering. It began before you got into this sanctuary. You had to prepare for the journey. You had to, at the very least, get out of bed. For others, the journey was more arduous. You had to get others ready, not just yourself. Talk about the ways you prepare for and observe Sabbath time on Sunday.

## Christianity as Pilgrimage

Christians know they are on a pilgrimage. A pilgrim is on an intentional journey of transformation because their future destination is transforming the present moment. Talk about pilgrimage as a metaphor for the Christian faith. How does our destination transform our journey here and now? Have you ever taken an actual pilgrimage? Ever considered it?

## A Song for Pilgrims

Psalm 121 is a song for pilgrims. You can't be a pilgrim without a destination in mind and without companions on the way. The people who originally sang Psalm 121 knew their destination and with whom they were traveling, up to Jerusalem, up to the Temple, up to the location of God's presence. Psalm 121 is a Song of Ascent, a part of a playlist for pilgrims on their way to worship. What is on your playlist? What are the psalms, hymns, spiritual songs, or contemporary songs that shape your Christian pilgrimage?

## The Hills

Between the sojourner and the destination are hills that pose a threat, bandits, or wild animals; the pilgrim's journey will take them through uncertain terrain. Are there hills on the horizon of your life that pose a threat or cause anxiety? What songs might you sing to prepare?

## Where Would You Go?

If you were to make a pilgrimage to a place where God made God's presence known to you through protection or provision, where would you go? Tell the story.