

We are an imperfect community striving to live into the beautiful story of God in our wonderful yet broken city. We invite you to join us as we seek God's glory and neighbor's good together!

### WORSHIP NOTES:

- Welcome! If you would like to find out more about our community or speak with one of the pastors, text WELCOME to 773.645.9335 or email Pastor Aaron ([aaron@rescov.org](mailto:aaron@rescov.org)). We'd love to connect with you.
- Children are welcomed and encouraged to join us in the worship service. We provide a nursery for infants on the main floor and childcare for toddlers in the basement for the duration of worship.
  - Pre-K Activities: Following the Passing of the Peace, Pre-school through Kindergarten aged children are invited to line up in the Narthex for class lasting until communion.
- "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" is a hymn text written by Church of Scotland minister George Matheson. Matheson lost his eyesight in early adulthood. As a result, his sister became one of his primary caretakers. The day before his sister was to get married, and no doubt anxious about what his sister's marriage would mean for his care, he sat down and wrote this text on the unfailing love of God. He wrote the text in five minutes without any further revisions.
- The hymn "Stand by Me" ("When the Storms of Life Are Raging") is by one of the fathers of gospel music, Charles A. Tindley. "Stand by Me" is one of his most well-known and speaks to the struggles, hopes, and prayers of the African-American community of the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries that continue to this day. As we sing it, we bear witness to their story and are challenged and comforted by its call on our lives.

The season of **Lent** begins on Ash Wednesday and runs the 40 days before Easter (not counting Sundays) representing Christ's 40 days in the wilderness in preparation for ministry as well as symbolizing the 40 years the Israelites spent wandering in the desert. It began in the 5th century as the final period of preparation for new Christians who would be baptized on Easter. It is a season of preparation for Holy Week and Easter often marked by penitence, almsgiving, and practices of self-denial, such as fasting. The color of Lent is purple representing suffering and penitence as well as the royalty of Christ.

Aaron Johnson, Dave Bjorlin, Jen Gillan, and  
Kyle Mecher serve as our pastors.



# Lent

## GATHERING

## Call to Worship

From our wilderness wanderings:

**our covenant God has called us to worship.**

From our self-imposed exiles:

**our merciful God has called us to worship.**

From our grief and pain:

**our loving God has called us to worship.**

From our doubts and despair:

**our hopeful God has called us to worship.**

Come and worship God.

## Songs of Faith and Praise\*

*Jesus, I Come*

## Prayer of Confession

**Covenant God,  
who called to yourself a holy people,  
we confess our sins before you and one another:  
for the sins we have committed,  
and the sins that have been committed on our behalf;  
for the good we have left undone;  
for the promises we have broken to you;  
forgive us, we pray.  
Renew us in your love  
that our hearts may be broken  
for the good of your beloved world.**

~silent confession~

## Song of Confession

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

## Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## Passing of the Peace\*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Song\*

*Hosanna*

## WORD

Old Testament Lesson

Psalter

Epistle Lesson

Gospel Lesson\*

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

**Psalm 27 (#794)**

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

Sermon

*The Deathly Path*

Pastor Kyle

## RESPONSE

Hymn\*

*Stand by Me (#447)*

Prayers of the People

Lord's prayer (*debts, debtors*)

Offering

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Holy Communion

## SENDING

Life Together\*

Charge & Benediction\*

\*Stand, as you are able