

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.
- Today after our passing of the peace, we sing a song using the traditional Arabic greeting of peace, *As-salaamu lakum*, a reminder not only of the thousands of Christians who pass this greeting of peace with each other in churches across the Middle East, but also as an act of solidarity with our Muslim siblings in the face of horrendous violence.
- "Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land" is a traditional African-American spiritual that speaks to the central place of Jesus in the lives of enslaved Christians.
- "Amazing Grace" is a hymn text by John Newton. A former slave ship captain, he converted to Christianity and later became an outspoken advocate for the abolitionist movement.
- The bulletin art is entitled "Repentance" (1895) by Russian artist Nikolaos Gyzis.

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



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**GATHERING**

## Call to Worship

O God, you are our God, we seek you.  
our souls thirst for you.

**Our flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

So we have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.

**Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
our lips will praise you.**

So we will bless you as long as we live;

**we will lift up our hands and call on your name.**

Our souls are satisfied as with a rich feast,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips.

**for you have been our help,  
and in the shadow of your wings we sing for joy.**

*-adapted from Psalm 63:1-5, 7*

## Songs of Faith and Praise\*

*Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land  
Come to the Water*

## Song of Confession\*

*Kyrie Eleison/Lord, Have Mercy*

~silent confession~

## 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\*

*Peace of God Be with You/As-salaamu lakum*

**WORD**

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 55:1-9

Gospel Lesson\*

Luke 13:1-9

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon

Pastor Aaron

**RESPONSE**

Hymn\*

*Amazing Grace (#341)*

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 &amp; Benediction\*

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\*Stand, as you are able