

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Draw us together in your love, O God. May our restless hearts not resist you, but continue to search until they find rest in you. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Offertory

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Scripture Reading

Numbers 11:10-15, 18-23, 31-32

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¹⁰ Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹ So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹² Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a suckling child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? ¹³ Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵ If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.” [The Lord said to Moses], ¹⁸ “and say to the people: Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat; for you have wailed in the hearing of the Lord, saying, ‘If only we had meat to eat! Surely it was better for us in Egypt.’ Therefore the Lord will give you meat, and you shall eat! ¹⁹ You shall eat not only one day, or two days, or five days, or ten days, or twenty days, but for a whole month—until it comes out of your nostrils and becomes loathsome to you—²⁰ because you have rejected the Lord who is among you, and have wailed before him, saying, ‘Why did we ever leave Egypt?’” ²¹ But Moses said, “The people I am with number six hundred thousand on foot; and you say, ‘I will give them meat, that they may eat for a whole month!’ ²² Are there enough flocks and herds to slaughter for them? Are there enough fish in the sea to catch for them?” ²³ The Lord said to Moses, “Is the Lord’s power limited? Now you shall see whether my word will come true for you or not.” ³¹ Then a wind went out from the Lord, and it brought quails from the sea and let them fall beside the camp, about a day’s journey on the other side, all around the camp, about two cubits deep on the ground. ³² So the people worked all that day and night and all the next day, gathering the quails; the least anyone gathered was ten homers; and they spread them out for themselves all around the camp.

Message

Pray Big

Rev. Rachel Carosiello

Celebration of Holy Communion

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(All practice melody that will be sung as a response during Communion today): **Come, to the table of grace. Come, to the table of grace. This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come, to the table of grace.**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You brought all things into being and called them good. From the dust of the earth you formed us into your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. When rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights, you bore up the ark on the waters, saved Noah and his family, and made covenant with every living creature on earth. When you led your people to Mount Sinai for forty days and forty nights, you gave us your commandments and made us your

covenant people. When your people forsook your covenant, your prophet Elijah fasted for forty days and forty nights; and on your holy mountain, he heard your still small voice. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join in this hymn:

All: *(sung together)* Come, to the table of grace. Come, to the table of grace. This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come, to the table of grace.

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. When you gave him to save us from our sins, your Spirit led him into the wilderness, where he fasted forty days and forty nights to prepare for his ministry. When he suffered and died on a cross for our sin, you raised him to life, presented him alive to the apostles during forty days, and exalted him at your right hand. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. Now, when we your people prepare for the yearly feast of Easter, you lead us to repentance for sin and the cleansing of our hearts, that during these forty days of Lent we may be gifted and graced to reaffirm the covenant you made with us through Christ. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we sing this precious melody together:

All: *(sung together)* Come, to the table of peace. Come, to the table of peace. This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come, to the table of peace.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

All: *(sung together)* Come, to the table of love. Come, to the table of love. This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come, to the table of love.

(All partake of the elements together when instructed)

All: *(sung together following Communion)* Thanks for this table of joy. Thanks for this table of joy. This is Your table; it’s not ours. Thanks for this table of joy.

Hymn

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

UMH #526, all verses

*What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.*

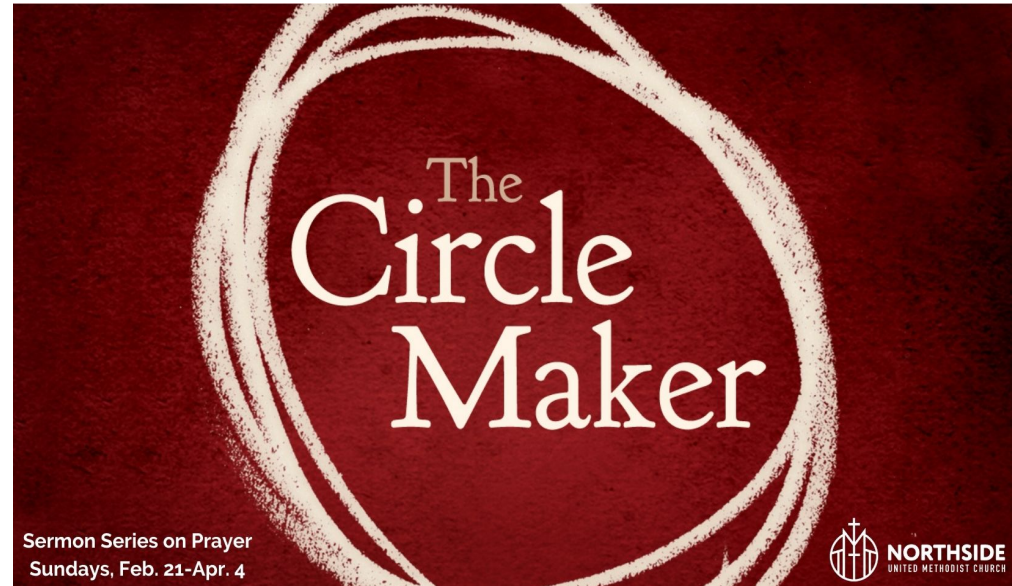
*Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.*

*Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.*

Benediction

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Prelude

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Welcome & Announcements

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Hymn

Here I Am to Worship

*Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see
beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.*

Chorus: *Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're
my God. You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.*

*King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above. Humbly You came
to the earth You created, all for love's sake became poor. **Chorus***

Bridge: *And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. And I'll
never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. **Chorus***

Call to Worship

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Leader: Weary and overwhelmed, we gather.

All: God's holy word revives us.

Leader: Simple and confused, we yield.

All: God's word gives us wisdom.

Leader: Blind and uncomprehending, we await.

All: God's word enlightens our eyes.

Leader: More precious than gold is God's word.

All: Sweeter than honey are God's commands.

Extinguishing the Lenten Candles

Rev. Rachel Carosiello

Leader: *(offers a meditation on the third Sunday of Lent)*

(Time of silence for listening)

Leader: As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge the darkness and pain of violence in our world.