Worship Leader— Leslie Homer-Cattell Sermon — Malinda Clatterbuck Song Leader— Marty Kelley Prelude/Offertory— Hannah Clatterbuck Sound Technician— Cody Litwiller Greeter— Jean Sensenig Ushers— Laurel Martin, Carolyn Weaver, Larry Groff Child Care—Carol Eby-Good, Laura Boll

Environment: Lent

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A heartfelt thanks to the congregants who responded to the invitation below to add to our Lent environment: Jim L. Bowman, Tina Glanzer, Susan E. King, R.A. Myers Kulp, Margaret Krumm, Audrey Patterson, Brenda Sauder, Priscilla Sauder, Anne Sensenig, Lynn Sommer, Bonnie Weaver, & Beky Weidner.

"Lent is a season of unfolding honesty and truth-telling about our lives and our world. ... In boldly acknowledging our humanity while embracing God's love, we become immune to the virus of fear on which systems of domination continue to depend in order to maintain power and control. We live in a time when truth is questioned, yet the need for the truth-telling of Lent remains greater than ever. The journey of Lent begins by engaging us with the theological and interpretive question: Which God of scripture will we follow?" from Seasons of the Spirit

The Environment Committee: Gwen Eberly, Rod Shumaker, Dale Martin, Nancy Baum and Lynn Sommer

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LENT 5



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PreludeThe Cradle by Larry Yassim, arr. by George WinstonLighting of the Peace LampWelcome & Call to Worship (Psalm 126)

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,				
we were like those who dream.				
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,				
and our tongue with shouts of joy;				
then it was said among the nations,				
"The Lord has done great things for them."				
The Lord has done great things for us,				
and we rejoiced.				
Restore our fortunes, O Lord,				
like the watercourses in the Negeb.				
May those who sow in tears				
reap with shouts of joy.				
Those who go out weeping,				
bearing the seed for sowing,				
shall come home with shouts of joy,				
carrying their sheaves.				

Gathering Hymn	This is a day of new beginnings	HWB #640
Children's Time		Susan Gascho-Cooke
	Come and see	HWB #20

We value children's participation in worship. This is a sacred time for children and adults alike. Let us listen and see with the eyes and ears of a child.

Offertory/Offering	I will come to you in the silence	STS #49	
Scripture	Isaiah 43:16-21		
Thus says the Lord,			
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who brings out cha	5		
army and warrior	·· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
they lie down, they	·		
they are extingui	shed, quenched like a wick:		
Do not remember t	0,		
or consider the th	6		
I am about to do a			
r e	rth, do you not perceive it?		
I will make a way and rivers in the			
The wild animals w the jackals and th	,		
for I give water in			

rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

Sermon	"Like Those Who Dream"	Malinda Clatterbuck			
Hymn of Response	My soul cries out	STS #124			
Communion Through your grace, O God, form us into a community called to follow Jesus, known and loved by you, nourished throughout our lives by worship, relationships and the biblical story, open to new voices and new dreams, committed to one another in times of celebration and difficulty, responsive to human need with justice and compassion. May your Spirit draw us together into your new creation. Amen. <i>(CMCL Vision Prayer)</i> Time of Sharing Where do you sense God moving among us? This is a time to respond to the scripture, music, and message of the morning, and to share joys and concerns from your lives and the greater world.					
Announcements and Introduction of Visitors					
Closing Hymn	Sent forth by God's blessing	HWB #478, v. 2			
Benediction					
ALL are welcome for hot drinks and fellowship in the Parrot Gallery					

downstairs following the worship in the Farror Gattery downstairs following the worship service. Christian Education for all ages begins at 11 am. Visitors and new attenders, we invite you to fill out the visitor forms in the back of the blue hymnal. Feel free to drop them in the offering basket, or hand them to an usher as you leave the service this morning.