

Peace UCC
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Traveling Lightly: A Journey Through Lent
First aid kit – healing (taking care of ourselves and each other)

Prelude "Savior, When in Dust to You" Franklin D. Ashdown
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Welcome

Opening Words

One: When our spirits yearn for connection in a tired and divided world...

Many: We pray for healing

One: When we feel no welcome at the table ...

Many: We pray for healing

One: When our hearts are broken open with pain...

Many: We pray for healing

One: We pray with hope for healing for the world, for our community, for ourselves. Amen.

Opening Response "There's a Spirit of Love in This Place" Mark A. Miller

Prayer of Invocation

Words: Ruth Duck **Music:** Wild Mountain Thyme, Irish Folk Tune

**Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living
As you love may I love
in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.**

The Witness of Music Chancel Choir

"The Gentle Healer" Michael Card
arr. Sue Clauss

Readings

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten leprous men approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And it happened in the leaving him they were cleansed. Yet one out of them, seeing that he was cured, turned back with a loud voice glorifying God, And he fell on his face at Jesus' feet giving thanks to Jesus; and he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you whole.'

THE LESSON by Mark Nepo

When young, it was the first fall from love.
It broke me open the way lightning splits a tree.
Then, years later, cancer broke me further.
This time, it broke me wider the way a flood
carves the banks of a narrow stream.
Then, having to leave a twenty-year marriage.
This broke me the way wind shatters glass.
Then, in Africa, it was the anonymous face
of a schoolboy beginning his life.
This broke me yet again. But this
was like hot water melting soap.

Each time I tried to close
what had been opened.
It was a reflex, natural enough.
But the lesson was, of course, the other way—
in never closing again.

For the wisdom contained in these holy words we give thanks. Amen.

Sermon Rev. Wendy Bruner

Hymn "God of the Sparrow" Tune: Roeder

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Creator, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kin-dom come, your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kin-dom, and the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

How Shall We Join God's Work in the World

Gracious God, we give thanks.
We ask your blessings on these gifts of time,
talent, and treasure as we use them to join
Your work in the world. Amen

Closing

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