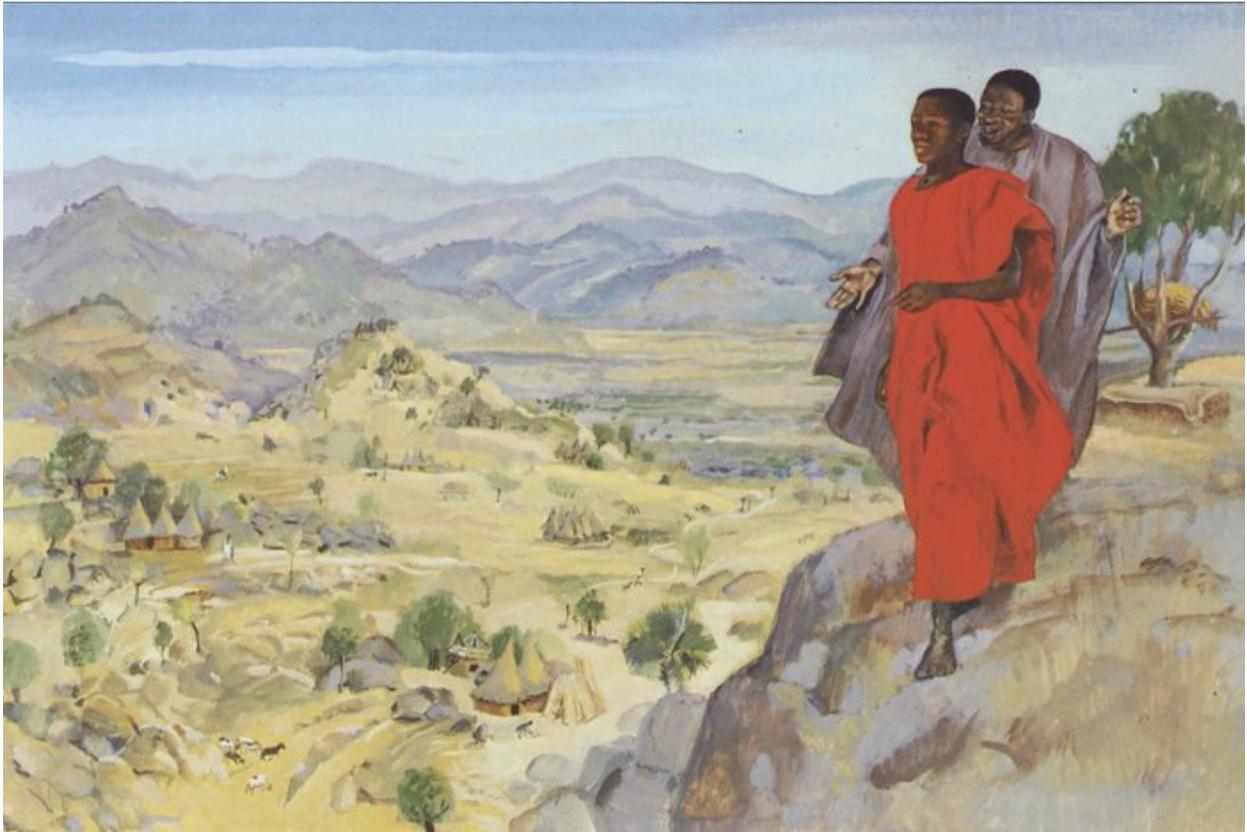




REJOICE FELLOWSHIP

A Ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



February 21, 2021 | 10:00 am

Mark 1:9-14

First Sunday in Lent

Pastor Maddie Tallman

C: indicates spoken responses by the congregation
P: indicates the Presiding Minister
A: indicates the Assisting Minister

Welcome to worship at Rejoice Fellowship! We have moved back to Facebook Live worship only at this time. We also have adopted a few safety measures for the small group that leads worship each week. The point of these measures is to ensure a high level of safety. We thank you for your understanding as we try out new ways of being the church and worshiping during the pandemic, all to the glory of God.

A note about communion—we will be celebrating Holy Communion this evening. We invite you to gather a piece of bread and wine or juice before worship begins. After the Invitation to Communion, all can consume the elements and receive the blessed sacrament together, even if apart.

✠ Gathering ✠

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our redeemer.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of you people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another, that we may turn towards God and begin the work of repentance.

C: Merciful, life-giving God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have embraced individualism, valuing competition over cooperation and failing to function as the whole Body of Christ. Wanting recognition but not accountability, we advocate for our way as the one right way instead of seeking to learn together. We are sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of Jesus your Beloved, forgive us our sin that we may live more fully your kingdom of accountability and mutual care. Amen.

P: Hear the promise of God, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist: you are saved by faith and your sin is forgiven. Through God's love, mercy, and justice, and by God's choosing, you have been set free from sin. Now, with renewed hearts, let us serve others and honor the world God made, knowing the good news we have received is for all people.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Create in Me a Clean Heart

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, O Lord, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.'

KYRIE

*A "KYRIE" (PRONOUNCED KEE-REE-AYE) IS A PORTION OF ANCIENT PRE-CHRISTIAN LITURGY
THAT INVOKES CHRIST AND ASKS FOR MERCY.
IT IS ALSO CALLED KYRIE ELEISON, WHICH IN GREEK MEANS "LORD HAVE MERCY."*

A: For the times we prize our self-interest and individuality over the well-being of others.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the ways in which we treat others as less than based on what we see instead of seeing through the eyes of Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

A: For the ways in which progress, perfection, and fear of conflict get in the way of love.

C: Lord, have mercy.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Collaborating God, you bless us with your creativity in the abundant variety of ways we can encounter you in creation. Heal our resistance to your transforming love and open our hearts to see and value the great variety of means by which your grace is revealed.

C: Amen.

✠ Word ✠

FIRST READING

GENESIS 9:8-17

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and

you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

A: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C: Let us return to God, whose Word gives us life.

THE GOSPEL

MARK 1:9-15

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove Jesus out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the dominion of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR MADDIE TALLMAN

HYMN OF THE DAY

Kyrie eleison

Refrain

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

Last time

1 For peace in the world, for the
2 That we may live out your im -
3 For peace in our hearts, for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you

health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all;
passioned re - sponse to the hun - gry and the poor;
peace in our homes, for friends and fam - i - ly;
cen - ter our lives in the wa - ter and the word;

for this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,
that we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,
for life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,
that you nour - ish our souls . . . with your bo - dy and blood,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Following each petition:

A: Eternal God,

C: Receive our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE

A: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

You are invited to safely share a greeting of Christ's peace with one another.

✠ Meal ✠

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

We are blessed by your generosity! Tithes and offerings can be sent in two ways: electronically by clicking here: <https://rb.gy/ryhn0m> ; or physical checks/cash can be mailed to the office at 105 1st Ave SW, Glen Burnie, MD 21061. Thank you for opening your heart!

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Holy provider, we thank you for the ways in which you have provided for us. Help us know the difference between the things given to us by you, the result of our work, the gifts of community, and that which comes to us as a result of privilege. By your grace, bring us to a spirit of generosity with our talents, possessions, and energy that we might bear witness to your abundance.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: God is here

C: All is not lost

P: May our hearts be open

C: And able to receive

P: Let us give thanks for grace unending

C: That our world might one day be restored

P: We lift up our praise to you, Holy God of justice, who has promised to restore the beautiful kingdom ... calling us to join with angels and saints of every race and culture, praising you and saying:

C: Holy, holy, holy God, giver of gospel and law, heaven and earth reflect your intended diversity. We adore you God. Blessed is the Savior who comes to bring the Holy Advocate into our world. We adore you God.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: God, our creator, you gave your only child...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Jesus draws the whole world to himself. Come to this meal and be fed.

You are invited to consume your own bread and wine/juice, participating in this blessed sacrament.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Holy One-in-Three, through your death, we are fed with the bread of life. Let us follow your way to the cross, to be for others a sign of your compassion and life. As you have fed us, let us go out to be part of feeding the world.

C: Amen.

✠ Sending ✠

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: May God lead you to openness that grants understanding.
May God guide you to accountability that begins restoration.
May God inspire you to transforming love that celebrates all people and all creation.
The God of all grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

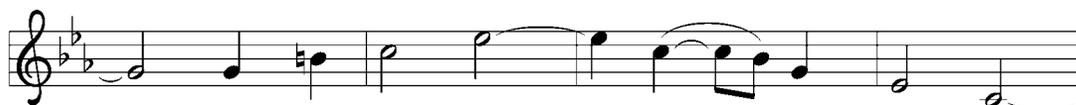
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

DISMISSAL

A: Wherever you go from here, be at peace and share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

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