

## Communion Service Liturgy for March 7, 2021

Community of Faith United Methodist Church

### OPENING PRAYER

### THE GOSPEL READING

John 2:13-22

*Jesus in Jerusalem at Passover*

<sup>13</sup> It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> He found in the temple those who were selling cattle, sheep, and doves, as well as those involved in exchanging currency sitting there. <sup>15</sup> He made a whip from ropes and chased them all out of the temple, including the cattle and the sheep. He scattered the coins and overturned the tables of those who exchanged currency. <sup>16</sup> He said to the dove sellers, "Get these things out of here! Don't make my Father's house a place of business." <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it is written, *Passion for your house consumes me*.

<sup>18</sup> Then the Jewish leaders asked him, "By what authority are you doing these things? What miraculous sign will you show us?"

<sup>19</sup> Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple and in three days I'll raise it up."

<sup>20</sup> The Jewish leaders replied, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and you will raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But the temple Jesus was talking about was his body. <sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered what he had said, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

### LITANY ON EXODUS 20

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

**Lord, there is none like you. We will let no one take your place!**

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

**Nor will we make an idol of anything that exists now or in the future. Neither cars nor jobs, nor a person or a piece of property, neither tech toys nor leisure shall take your place.**

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

**Your name is not common, and you are not ordinary. We will keep your name holy.**

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

**Teach us, O God, the rhythms of life. Show us the difference between the things that must be done and the things that we just want to do. Teach us how to rest.**

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

**Yes, Lord!**

You shall not murder.

**We will remember that human life is sacred because you gave it.**

You shall not commit adultery.

**No, Lord! We will honor the covenants that bind spouses together.**

You shall not steal.

**No, Lord! We will respect what belongs to others.**

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**No, Lord! We will not steal our neighbor's honor.**

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**We reject and renounce the greed, envy, and pride of life that might cause us to sin.**

Everyone: Today, we choose to remember what you said through Moses, and what Jesus said, when he commanded us to love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our mind, and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. For on these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**A BRIEF GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE INVITATION TO RECEIVE**

**A SENDING FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

