morning light

Forgiveness

the little chapel
9 am
whoever you are, wherever you are on life’s journey, welcome

lent
a springtime of renewal

The Lenten season invites us into a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: works of love, simple living, and prayerful reflection meant to draw us closer to God and one another. Mirroring the forty days of Jesus’ temptation in the wilderness before his public ministry, Lent invites us on our own journey to freedom and the glory of Easter. A time not only of solemnity and quiet reflection, but of preparation and anticipation—of practicing justice and joy in fellowship with God and one another.

“Lent” derives from the Old English *lenten*, “springtime.” In Latin, *lente* means “slowly.” Thus, Lent points us to the coming of spring and invites us to slowness, simplicity, and solidarity; that we might have an abiding sense of God’s presence, an unguarded sense of ourselves, and a deepened awareness of the needs of this world.

GATHERING MUSIC

*CALL TO WORSHIP*

Celtic Morning Prayer
from Iona, Scotland

One As the day’s light breaks the darkness of night, as the first movements of the morning pierce the night’s stillness,

Many so a new waking to life dawns within us, a fresh beginning opens.

One In the early light of the day, in the first actions of the morning, let us be awake to life.

Many In our souls and in our seeing Let us be alive to the gift of this new day.

All Let us be fully alive. Amen.

*All are invited to stand as willing or able; please feel free to stay seated if this is your preference.*
1 Hush, Hush, Hush, Some-bod-y’s call-ing my name.
2 Some-bod-y’s call-ing my name. Oh, Hush,
3 Sounds like Je-sus. Some-bod-y’s call-ing my name.
4 Some-bod-y’s call-ing my name. Oh, Sounds like Je-sus.
5 I’m so glad. Trouble won’t last al-ways. Oh, I’m so glad.
6 Trouble won’t last al-ways. Oh, I’m so glad.

Hush, Hush, Somebody’s Calling My Name

Boldface text invites all to respond as willing or able.
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Psalm 27

The music leader will sing through the response once, then the congregation will join.

One God is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
God is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Many When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh,
    my adversaries and foes, they shall stumble and fall.

One Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear.
    Though war rise up against me, yet I shall be confident.

_Sung Response_

One One thing I asked of God, that will I seek after:
    to live in the house of God all the days of my life,
    to behold the beauty of God, and to inquire in God's temple.

Many For God will hide me in God's shelter in the day of trouble;
    God will conceal me under the cover of God's tent;
    God will set me high on a rock.

One Hear, O God, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

_Sung Response_

One "Come," my heart says, "seek God's face!"
    Your face, O God, do I seek.

Many Do not hide your face from me.
    Do not turn your servant away in anger,
        you who have been my help.
    Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
        O God of my salvation!

One I believe that I shall see the goodness of God in the land of the living.

Many Wait for God, be strong; let your heart take courage, wait for God!

_Sung Response_

*All are invited to stand as willing or able; please feel free to stay seated if this is your preference.*
What no eye has ever seen,  
what no ear has ever heard,  
what no person has ever imagined:  
This is the wondrous thing  
that God has prepared for you!  
What is God saying to the people?

**READING**

**REFLECTION**

**RESPONSE**

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING**

10% of the plate collection is given to our Community Action partners: common cathedral, the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, and the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry, that together we might do works of mercy, justice, and healing.

*Boldface text* invites all to respond as willing or able.
Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought, 
bless thou the work our hearts have planned. 
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought—
the rest, O God, is in thy hands. Amen.

The music leader will conclude the Sign of Peace by playing Dona Nobis Pacem, which all are invited to sing while returning to their seats.

Pronounced Don-na No-beece Pah-chem

Dona Nobis Pacem
Grant Us Peace

PRAYING TOGETHER

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.
*Hymn*


c* Refrain *

In these days of Lenten journey we have seen and we have heard

the call to sow justice in the lives of those we serve.

Verses

1. We reach out to those who are home-less, to
2. We open our eyes to the hun-gry and
3. We open our ears to the wea-ry and
4. We call on the Spir-it of Justi-ce and

1. those who live with-out warmth. In the cool-ness of
2. see the fac-es of Christ. As we nour-ish all
3. hear the cry of the poor. To the voic-es that
4. pray for righ-teous-ness' sake. We will sing for the

1. even-ing we'll shel-ter their dreams; we will
2. peo-ple who hun-ger for food, may their
3. ech-o the song of de-spair, we will
4. free-dom of all the op-pressed; we will

1. clothe them in mer-cy and peace.
2. faith in our God be re-newed.
3. show our com-pas-sion and care.
4. loo-sen the bonds of dis-tress.

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* Benediction *

Concluding Music
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Sundays at 9am

church school
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Sundays at 10am

morning prayer
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Sundays at 11am

morning meditation
The Little Chapel | 64 Beacon Street
Tuesdays at 7:30am

recitals
King’s Chapel | 58 Tremont Street
Tuesdays at 12:15pm

contemplative communion
King’s Chapel | 58 Tremont Street
Wednesdays at 5:30pm

theology on tap
The Emory | 21 Beacon Street
3rd Wednesdays at 6:15pm