



North Bethesda United Methodist Church

March 9, 2025

Lent Underground, Week 1: Dirt

Prelude "Chant du Soir" (M. E. Bossi) Simon Charette

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship (Psalm 130, adapted) Monica Dean

Welcome, beloved of God!

We begin our wilderness journey this season with the Psalmist's prayer from Psalm 130:

Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our voice!

Let your ears be attentive to Creation's cry for mercy!

If you, O Lord, should keep track of wrongdoings, Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, and for that we give thanks.

We wait for the Lord; our souls wait,

and in God's word we hope.

Our souls wait for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,

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O children of God, hope in the Lord!

For with God, there is great power to redeem.

With God there is steadfast love.

*Opening Hymn "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" UMH 269

Word for All Ages Tsitsi Sithole

Hymn "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" TFWS 2193

Prayers of the People

Anthem "Out of the Depths" (W.A. Mozart) NBUMC Choir

Scripture Reading Luke 4:1-13 Monica Dean

Message

"More than Meets the Eye"

Rev. Kara

Holy Communion

UMH 15

Prayer After Communion

God, we give you thanks! For this meal that nourishes us in body and spirit. For a taste of your dreams. For the earth that gifts us these resources. And for these bodies of ours through which you work in the world. May our gratitude produce faithfulness and our faithfulness produce justice. Amen.



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*Closing Hymn

"Hymn of Promise"

UMH 707

*Blessing

Postlude

"March in D Major" (Ernest Dicks)

Simon Charette

*Indicates rising in body and/or spirit.

The Prayer after Communion is by Rev. Anna Blaedel and posted on enfleshed.com.

Take Note!

- Our Lenten Small Groups begin this week! These groups meet weekly in church members' homes (plus two Zoom groups) for discussion, fellowship, and reflection centered around the scriptures and themes of the preceding Sunday's worship service. A group schedule and sign up list is in the Narthex.
- Taizé Tuesdays will return this week, for the season of Lent. In the midst of all that is happening in our world, nation, and personal lives, we offer a prayerful space each Tuesday from 7-7:30pm. These simple services consist of music and times of quiet, and are a chance to slow down, join our voices with others, and refill for the days ahead.
- We invite all of our Older Adults to join us for a luncheon this Wednesday, March 12th, at 11:30am in Johnson Hall. We know everyone is Young At Heart, but we wanted to provide this opportunity for our retirees to have some dedicated fellowship time and to let us treat you to a home-cooked lunch. Please RSVP to Rev. Kara so that we know how many to expect.
- Our next Kina Mama Breakfast will be on Saturday, March 22nd, at 9am in the Fellowship Hall. The name Kina Mama means 'Strong Women,' and we invite ALL women to join us--that means moms and not moms, people of all ages, trans and cis women, people who have been here for years and people who are brand new. There is a place for you at the table. Look for a sign up sheet in in the Narthex, or simply reach out to office@northbethesdaumc.org, and we will make note of your RSVP.

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