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We shall praise God’s holy name!**  \* Hymn      To God Be the Glory – GtG634  Prayer of Confession Generous God, you call us to be a people of covenant, a people who take the promise of being your beloved child and honor it. Yet, in our humanity, we admit that we have sinned. We have often forgotten your covenant and we have not followed your Spirit in leading us to renew the covenant promises. We ask for your forgiveness and we pray that you will guide us anew in hearing the covenants of old and the covenants we make with you. Restore us, renew us, and keep us moving forward on this journey of faith, especially this Lenten season. Amen.  Silent Prayers of Confession  Musical Response Restore in Us, O God, v.1 – GtG #434    Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;  Renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.  Words of Assurance (responsive) [from the Australian Prayer Book]  Leader: God pardons those who humbly repent and truly believe the Gospel. Since Jesus died for us, we have peace with God, who we shall praise and honor forever. **People: We are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.**  The Peace Leader: The peace of Christ be with you! **People: And also with you!** (You may greet those around you)   The Proclamation of the Word   Prayer of Illumination   God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our hearts to receive the truth of your Word. Help us understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; in Christ's way we pray. Amen.  Scripture Lesson     Genesis 9:8-17  8Then God 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.”   Sermon Creating a Lenten Covenant  The Response to the Word   \* Hymn     The Glory of These Forty Days – GtG165  Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer  “For this I pray to God” / “For this I give thanks to God.” Congregational Response: “**Hear our prayer, O God.”** And now, in confidence and in gratitude, we say the prayer together that Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, taught us to pray…  **Our Father,** **who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven and 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 thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**  Offertory Prayer   Hymn     God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us – GtG436  Charge & Benediction  Leader: Help us to create new covenants, **People: New ways of being in relationship with you.** Leader: Whether it is for today, this week, or this season, **People: Renew us in the charge to change.** Leader: So that we may be the people of God, **People: Whose faith continues to grow.** | |  | | | | |