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Lent 2 – Everything In Between – Faith & Works

**We Gather to Worship**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit**  Come Unto Us Karen Marrolli

**Call to Worship**

Come as you are.

 **If you have deep faith**

 **Or your faith has run dry,**

If you know every scripture

Or none at all,

 **If you have calloused hands**

 **And live your faith through good works,**

Or if you kneel at God’s feet,

With a million hungry questions,

 **Come as you are.**

This is God’s house.

 **None are turned away.**

All are welcome here.

**Opening Prayer**

God meets us in the night –

 **Before the sun rises,**

 **Before the wound heals,**

 **Before there are answers,**

 **Before there is closure.**

God meets us in the light –

 **Where joy is effervescent,**

 **Where laughter is contagious,**

 **Where flowers bloom from cracks in the sidewalk,**

 **Where people gather around tables.**

God meets us in between –

 **At the edge of the water,**

 **At the beginning of the wilderness,**

 **At the start of something new,**

 **On the edge of faith.**

And if God meets us in all those places

 **Then surely God meets us everywhere –**

 **At the water’s edge, at the start of something new,**

 **After the baptism, and before the call.**

We are not alone. God is all around.

 **Let us worship the God of everything.**

**Hymn** VU 389 God is Here BLAENWERN

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of Grace,**

**We long to do the “right” thing.**

**We long to make the “right” choice.**

**We long to stand on the “right” side of the dividing line.**

**In our earnestness, we sometimes miss the sacred right in front of us.**

**In our earnestness, we sometimes miss opportunities to show love.**

**Show us how to hold our heart’s desire for perfection loosely.**

**Show us how to lead with grace and love, over anything else.**

**For even more than our desire to be right, we desire to be close to you.**

**Show us the way.** -Silent Prayer-

**Tenebrae Candles**

**Sung Response** VU 400 Lord Listen to Your Children Praying

**Words of Forgiveness**

**The Peace of Christ**

**Sharing the Story**

**We Hear the Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture:** Luke 10: 38-42

 This is the good news of the Gospel

 **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** The Eyes of AllJean Berger

**Reflection**

**Hymn** VU 589 Lord, Speak to Me WINSCOTT

**We Respond to the Word**

**Offering Invitation**

**Hymn** TUNE MV 173

 *In peace we place our offering here*

 *Our hope and prayers and compassion.*

 *May you, O God, bless all we share,*

 *Bring healing to Your Creation.*

**Offering Dedication**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer** (VU921)

**Hymn** VU 481 Sent Forth By God’s Blessing

**Benediction**

**Sung Amen** VU 971 Amen

**Postlude**The First Morning Nancy Telfer

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