

RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 25: 4-6, 10

ALL: Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.

Jan-June: Lead me in your truth, and teach me...
you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

July-Dec: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD,
and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

ALL: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love
and faithfulness for those who keep his
covenant and his decrees.

LESSON – Genesis 9: 12-17

God said [to Noah and his family], "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:

"I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I 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. When 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."

God concluded: "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

GOSPEL – Mark 1: 9-15

Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Then, the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. Jesus was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."