

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 6, 2022 | 1st Sunday in Lent | 9:00 AM
(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / **C = Congregation**)

WELCOMING WORD *These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.*

PRELUDE Diane Dangerfield

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness,
walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

C: Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Holy One,

**C: we confess that we have wandered far from you:
we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your
prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance
of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst.
Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you.
Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love,
and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.**

L: Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call
out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and
again and gathers you under wings of love. In Jesus' name, your
sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how-to
live-in love.

C: Amen.

+HYMN # 807 - Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also, with you.

+ KYRIE pg. 138

+ HYMN OF PRAISE pg. 140 "This is the feast.."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O Lord God,

C: you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SONG: "More Precious Than Silver" led by Praise Team

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

⁸“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

+ACCLAMATION (pg. 142)

(sing) Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

L: The Gospel according to Luke, Chapter 4

C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” ⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” ⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ ¹¹and On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” ¹²Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

+L: The Gospel of the Lord

+C: Praise to you, O Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM: “Hope of the World”

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE Pastor John Twiton

+**HYMN # 319 - O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

+ **NICENE CREED** pg. 104

THE PRAYERS pg. 143

(As the pastor concludes each petition with the words:

“Lord in your mercy...” The people respond: **Hear our prayer.**”)

OFFERING - Music “Shine On” by Praise Team

OFFERTORY - #182 *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* MEAL

+ **Offering Prayer: Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

+**The Great Thanksgiving** pg. 144

+**Words of Institution**

+ **The Lord's Prayer** pg. 145 (right hand column)

Communion

Prayer after Communion: Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen.

SENDING

COMMUNITY WORD

+BLESSING

L: May the blessing of God our creator, the love of Jesus Christ our redeemer, and the presence of the Holy Spirit the comforter, surround you and sustain you until we gather again.

C: **Amen.**

+**HYMN # 618 - *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer***

+DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 6, 2022

SHARE: What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

READ: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding:

Monday, Psalm 17, Prayer for Deliverance

Tuesday, Zechariah 3:1-10, Vision of Joshua and Satan

Wednesday, Job 1:1-22, Job and His Family

Thursday, Psalm 27, Triumphant Song

Friday, Philippians 3:17-20, Citizens of Heaven

Saturday, Psalm 118:26-29, A Song of Victory

TALK: Consider some of these ideas:

**“Jesus answered him, “It is written,
‘One does not live by bread alone.’”**

Luke 4:4

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called “the Son of God.”

- What are some modern parallels to Jesus’ three temptations? What helps you resist them? (Luke 4:1-13)
- What are first fruits in non-agrarian life today? What might it look like to bring them to God? (Deut 26:1-11)
- What do the metaphors of God as refuge and dwelling place look like in everyday life for you? (Psa 91:1)

PRAY: O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BLESS: You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, bless you this day and always. Amen.