

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 1, 2020

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

“Cross of Jesus”

Charles Callahan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Lonesome Valley”

arr. F. Anderson

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Herndon, Liturgist

Leader: We come this morning to worship God, who walks with us through every challenge.

People: **We gather today in worship to remember what Jesus did when he was tempted in the wilderness.**

Leader: When Israel wandered through the wilderness, she was not alone. God was there!

People: **As we walk through the wilderness, we are not alone. God is with us!**

Leader: We come today to worship God...

People: **...who gives us strength for every journey, and courage for every test!**

*OPENING HYMN #426

“Yield Not to Temptation”

H.R. Palmer

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

We keep silent before you, O God, for we are afraid to confront our transgressions. We are terrified to face the reality of our sin. We sometimes feel as if the weight of the world is upon our shoulders. We no longer recognize ourselves or what we have become as we keep our failings and fears inside. Help us admit our sins and accept our imperfections. Enable us to trust the truth that you always stand ready to wash away our sins. O God, in your steadfast love, forgive us. In your healing care, cleanse us. In your Holy Spirit, restore us in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, amen. (We continue in silence...)

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, hear and believe the gospel:

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

*JOYFUL RESPONSE #380

“Greater is He that is in Me”

L. Wolfe

*Greater is He that is in me, Greater is He that is in me,
Greater is He that is in me than He that is in the world.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: As God in Christ forgives us, let us forgive one another.
The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share the Peace of Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Windham”

Setting by B.W. Sanders

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

ANTHEM

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

arr. L. Larson

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON

“Lead Us Not into Temptation”

Dr. Richard T. Gillespie

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(The Apostle’s Creed)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with You.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: (Prayer of Thanksgiving)

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion Prayer

*CLOSING HYMN #293

“Amazing Grace”

J. Newton/V. Harmony

*BENEDICTION

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

arr. L. Larson

*POSTLUDE

“O Sons and Daughters”

Lani Smith

(*) *We stand as we are able*

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the Lenten Season as we start the journey towards Easter Sunday by the Marty Mathis family.