

Sermon Synopsis Struggling with Your Heart

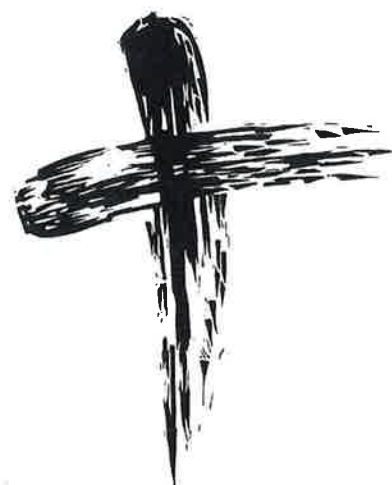
The Baptism and Temptation stories in Mark are told with an astonishingly brevity of language. This does not mean the stories are unimportant. They are necessary to understand the heart of Jesus. In the baptism story, Jesus stands in solidarity with his people and in communion with God's purpose for his life. Jesus is Messiah, but the kind of Messiah he will be is yet to be revealed. The temptation story hints that Jesus' heart will struggle with earthly and cosmic forces as symbolized in the presence of wild animals and angels in the desert. Toward the end of his ministry, Jesus will meet a young man whose heart also struggles with temptation. It will be revealed that Jesus' heart is full of love for God and all people, while the young man's heart is full of things he cannot release. Lent is a type of wilderness wherein our heart's faith is tested and we struggle with an unsettling God.

Participating in Today's Services

The Rev. J. William Lentz, Jr., Senior Pastor
The Rev. Nancy M. Ludwig, Associate Pastor
Evon Moyle, Worship leader (7:00)
Mr. Charlie de Mets, Organist (12:00)
The Cross Connection Team (7:00)



Temptation of Christ, J. Kirk Richards



Ash Wednesday
February 14, 2018 | 12:00 p.m. and 7 p.m.



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Classic Service at Noon

PRELUDE	<i>My Heart is Filled with Longing</i> Charlie de Mets, Organist	Bach
GREETING		Pastor Nancy Ludwig
	Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. People: And also with you. Pastor: God is merciful to all, People: and despises nothing that God has made. Pastor: God overlooks people's sins, to bring them to repentance, People: and spares them, for God is the Lord Almighty.	
PRAYER FOR ASH WEDNESDAY		No. 353
▲HYMN	<i>Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days</i>	No. 269
FIRST READING	Isaiah 58:6-9a	Pew Bible (OT), p. 688
PSALTER (Response 1)	Psalms 23	No. 137
▲HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION	<i>Lead Me, Lord</i>	No. 473
▲GOSPEL READING	Mark 1:9-13 & Mark 10:17-31	Pew Bible (NT), p. 46
MEDITATION	<i>Struggling with Your Heart</i>	Pastor Bill Lentz
▲BLESSING AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES		
INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION		
SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION		
BRIEF PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING		
RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER		
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION		
▲HYMN	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	No. 393
DISMISSAL		

Modern Service at Seven

WELCOME/COVENANT OF FRIENDSHIP		Evon Moyle
WORSHIP SONG	<i>Great Are You Lord</i>	Jordan/Leonard
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Speak To Me Lord</i> Kids Chorus, Ruth Kuchinsky-Smith, Director	
VIDEO PRAYER FOR LENT		
SCRIPTURE	Mark 1:9-13 & Mark 10:17-31	Pastor Nancy & Evon Moyle
SERMON	<i>Struggling with Your Heart</i>	Pastor Bill
ASHES FOR REMEMBERING		
WORSHIP SONG	<i>Unending Love</i>	Knock/McCloghry
SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION		
WORSHIP SONG	<i>Came To My Rescue</i>	Davies/Sampson/Thomas
CLOSING PRAYER		
WORSHIP SONG	<i>Open Heaven (River Wild)</i>	Sampson/Crocker
SENDING FORTH		