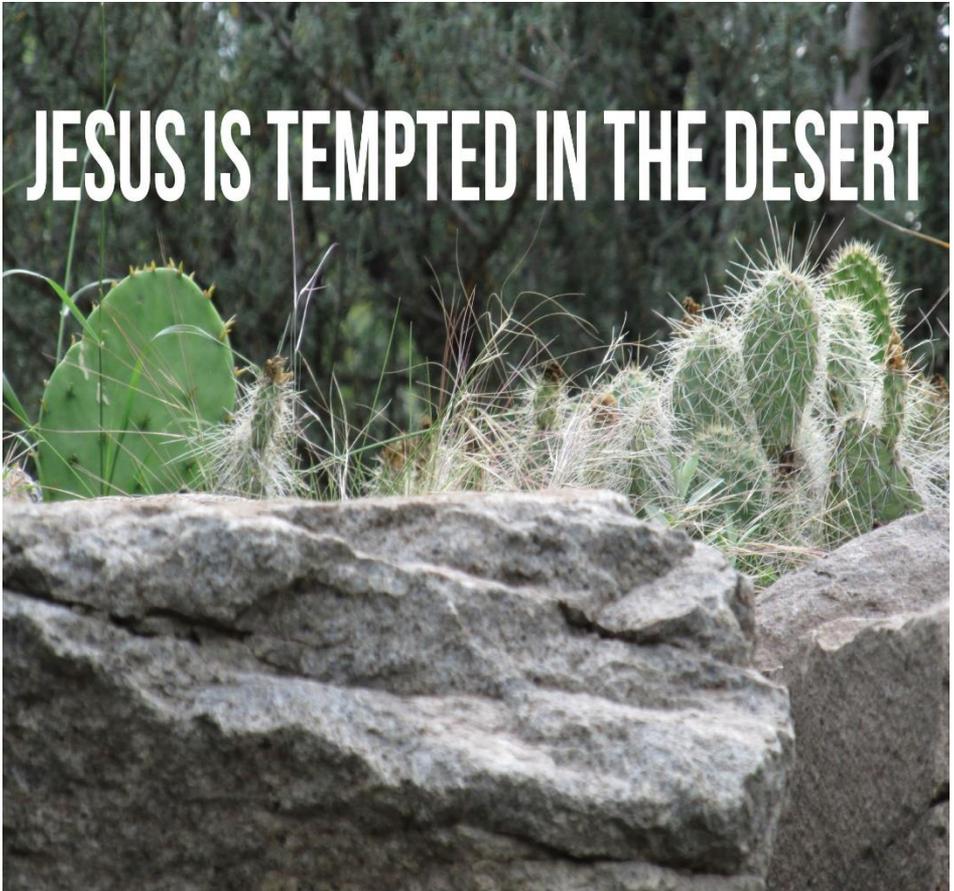


# Perinton Presbyterian Church

**Good Morning & Welcome.**

**The back page has information about our church worship that you may find helpful.**



# The Church in Worship

Sunday, March 10, 2019

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

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## *Our Gathering*

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude: *The Old Rugged Cross*..... arr. Cindy Berry

### ↑ Call to Worship

Leader: This is the season of Lent, a season to remember the sufferings of Jesus Christ

**People: A season to remember that to follow Christ is to take up our crosses and to be servants of all.**

Leader: A season to remember Jesus' question, "Are you able to drink the cup that I drink?"

**People: A season to ask ourselves how we, like Simon the Cyrene, might help to bear the cross.**

Leader: A season to ask ourselves how we, like the crowd, misunderstand the witness of Jesus.

**People: A season to ask ourselves how we, like Peter, are afraid and turn away.**

Leader: A season to ask ourselves what we, like the woman with the fine ointment, have to offer.

**People: A season to give sacrificially to others, following the example of Jesus Christ.**

Leader: A season to watch and wait with Christ, that we may have courage in the hour of testing.

**People: A season to wrestle with evil and yet proclaim with Mary Magdalene that Christ is not dead, but alive!**

Leader: So, then, let us worship God together!

↑ Prayer of Invocation and Confession

**God of infinite patience and love, we come to you this day, having just gone through the season of greed. We embark on this Lenten journey not sure if we want to make the spiritual trip. It is easy for us to get caught up in our own needs and our own anxieties. We are a people of great “want,” and we need to become a people of great “faith.”**

**Stop us and remove us from the self-destructive journey on which we were living. Place us on your track of hope and salvation. Forgive our stubbornness, and heal our sorrowful souls, for we ask this in Jesus’ Name. AMEN**

*Silent Prayer and Reflection*

↑ Assurance of Pardon..... based on Psalm 91: 14-15

Leader: Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them and show them my salvation. Receive the good news of the Gospel:

**People: In Jesus Christs, we are forgiven!**

↑ Response #581.....*Glory Be to the Father*

Special Music: (8:30) *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross* .....arr. Mark Hayes

Choir Anthem: (11:00) *Just As I Am*..... by Nancy Price & Don Besig

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

***The Word***

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading Luke 4: 1-13

Sermon: *Tempted* The Rev. Dr. Janice Lee Fitzgerald

↑ Hymn # 43 *You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord*

↑ Affirmation of Faith

**We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who, like a father, knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs. We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted. We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.**

**We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts. We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.**

**We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.**

**This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ. AMEN**

***Our Dedication***

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy* arr. Robert Vandervliet Jr.

↑ Doxology #606 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

↑ Prayer of Dedication.....

**By your surprising grace, O God, our eyes are opened, our ears unstopped, our hearts attuned to the needs of others. We give so more people may know your acceptance and forgiveness. Through our support of the ministry of preaching, teaching, and healing among us and through the outreach of the church, let your will be done, Gracious God. AMEN**

↑ Hymn: # 175 *Seek Ye First*

↑ Benediction

↑ Benediction Response *Go Out and Serve Him!.....* Besig and Price

Postlude: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus.....*arr. Jim Lucas