

10:00 a.m. Service

March 10, 2019 – First Sunday in Lent

Welcome, Announcements

Prelude “O Wondrous Sight” J. Richard Dixon
Tune: *Agincourt Hymn*, England c. 1415

Call to Worship

Leader: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

People: The journey begins in the wilderness.

Leader: We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

People: Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us. God’s Word is on our lips.

Leader: Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God’s will in all things.

People: For God leads us not only into the wilderness, but also through the wilderness.

***Hymn No. 289** “O God of Every Nation”

Prayer of the Day (Unison)

God Most High, thank you for signs of your power and grace, shown to us even in the wilderness. Give us courage to stand firm in your Word in every time of trial and testing, that we may enter the land of your freedom and receive the salvation you so generously give; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Chancel Choir “In the Garden” Hayes

Call to Confession

God is faithful, leading us into freedom, but we are conditioned to the slavery of sin. Comfortable with the way things are, we lose sight of the way God intends them to be. We bring our confession before the One who is more powerful than Pharaoh in Egypt, mightier than the devil in the wilderness.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend. Forgive us we pray. *(Silent personal prayers may be offered here.)*

Through Christ our Lord we pray. **Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

The Lord is generous to all who call on God’s name. Friends, believe the good news: God does not turn away from us, but desires to bring us into the glorious freedom offered in Jesus Christ. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Thanks be to God!

***Congregational Response No. 579** “Gloria Patri”

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: In forgiveness, we find peace. In that spirit, let us share the peace of the Lord with each other. The Peace of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you.

You are invited to share the peace of Christ with each other.

Trio

“Be Still My Soul”

Prayer for Illumination

Bring your word near to us, O God. May it rest not only on our lips, but also reside in our hearts. By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to respond to your word with our whole lives until you become our dwelling place; through Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:1-13

Sermon

Meeting God in the Wilderness

***Confession of Faith** (From the Confession of Belhar)

We believe that God has revealed God’s self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things... that the church must witness against and strive against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

***Hymn No. 81**

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

Offering, Offertory

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” Thomas Chesterton

***Doxology No. 592**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (Bread is Gluten Free)

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

***Hymn No. 483**

“Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

***Benediction**

***Choral Response**

(Please stand through the choral response.

You are then invited to sit during the Postlude.)

Postlude

“Lift High the Cross” Hymntune: *Crucifer* (371)

*Please stand if you are able.

**Source for Liturgy is “Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 1”

Announcements—March 10

Please sign the attendance register found at the end of the pew and pass it along to your neighbor. We are glad you are here!

Beginning today, you are all invited to reflect on a **Spiritual Practice**, which ties into the Scripture Reading for each Sunday in Lent. Each week you will have an insert to focus on a particular practice that you can carry with you throughout the week.

“Just Coffee” is for sale in the Narthex today, thanks to the Mission and Outreach Committee. For \$12 you may purchase ground or beans, Arabica or Robusta, regular or decaf.

Sign up on the bulletin board or let the church office know if you’d like to join others for the next **Lunch Out After Church** next Sunday, **March 17** at Bird and Jim’s Restaurant. Reservations will be called in that morning.

There is still time to become an **Embangweni, Malawi, pen pal!** Letters written to deaf students need to be given to Jim or Carol Nussbaumer **on or before Wednesday, March 13**. See the bulletin board for information and guidelines.

Seed donations for the Embangweni School for the Deaf are being accepted by the Nussbaumers as they prepare for the fall trip to Malawi. A list of needed seeds is available at the Mission Committee bulletin board in the narthex. The seeds will be planted by students in their individual gardens and used to feed the entire school.

If any person needs support from our PCCR family, **please** contact an Elder, Deacon, Pastor Michael Moore, or a Stephen Minister, and let us know. If we do not know, we cannot help, and we very much want to serve you.

Magnetized backs for our name badges are available in a basket on the table in the narthex, thanks to a generous donation. Feel free to pick one up and attach it to yours.

2020 Census Team — The United States Census Bureau has a variety of jobs available for the upcoming census, including census taker. If you are interested, application information is posted on the Community News board in the Fellowship Hall.

“for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.” Galations 3:26 Children of all ages are welcome and encouraged to enjoy Sunday worship with their families. Activity bags for the children are available in the narthex.

Scripture reading for Sunday, March 17 is **Psalm 27**. You are invited to reflect on this reading during the week.

Today’s Worship Participants:

Rev. Michael Moore, Pastor

Larry Gillum, Organist

Amy Fox, Liturgist

Rich Dixon, Chancel Choir Director

Patti Dolezal, Hand Bell Director

Marilyn Vergoth and Bev Henderson, Greeters

Chancel Bells, Fellowship Hosts