

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 1, 2020

First Sunday in Lent

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome

David A. Douthett, Pastor

Prelude

Lead Me to Calvary

arr. by Larry Schackley
Donald K. Burgess, Pianist

Call to Worship

Connie Moore

Let us worship God!

Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts!

See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, Your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin. Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to Your Spirit, that as You know our weakness, so we may know Your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

* Hymn #81

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

* Invitation to Confession

Psalm 51:17

The psalmist wrote, "The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise." In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin and the sin of our people before God and one another.

* Unison Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from You and turned aside from Your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored Your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

* Silent Confession...

* Assurance of Pardon

John 3:17

God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Children of God, believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* Response #579

Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen. Amen.

* The Peace

Since God has made peace with us through Christ, let us be at peace with one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

And also with you.

Please greet each other in Jesus' name.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning:

Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that

we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life,

which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

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

p. 2, OT, *pew Bible*

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 4:1-11

p. 3, NT, *pew Bible*

Sermon

"Withstanding Temptation"

Mr. Douthett

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH

Gathering the Joys and Concerns

Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves

Choral Offertory

Lenten Meditation

by Jay Althouse

Chancel Choir

Old Hundredth

* Response #592

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn (see insert)

O Lamb of God

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (including pastoral prayers)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy...

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion of God's People

All who trust in Jesus are welcome to receive communion. You don't have to be a member of our church.

Bread in the small glass dishes is gluten-free. The cup contains grape juice, not wine.

Prayer After Communion

O God, You have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a continual thank-offering to You; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE GO OUT TO SERVE IN JESUS' NAME

* Hymn (see insert)

When We Are Tempted to Deny Your Son

* For the Good of the Body...

* Charge and Blessing

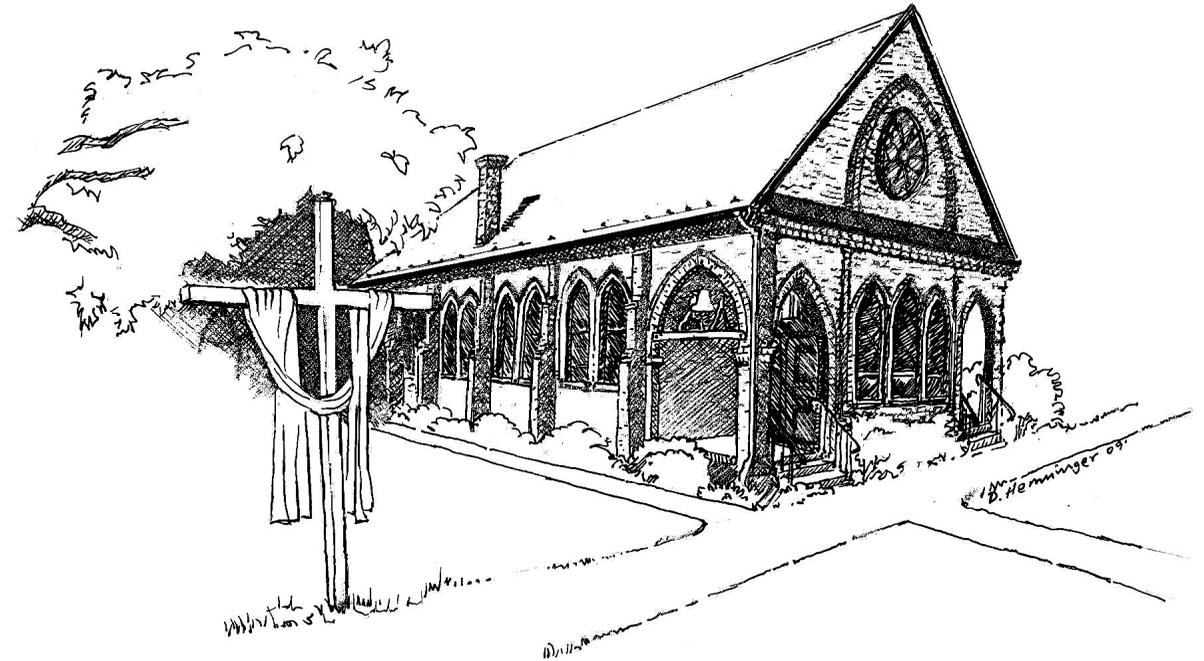
* Postlude

Diapason Movement

by John Stanley
Mr. Burgess

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Welcome to our service today!

We are glad you are here and hope that you will experience God's presence and a sense of Christian community as we celebrate our life in God together.

If you have any questions, feel free to speak with our greeters.

Rev. David A. Douthett, Pastor
Elder Sue Douglas, Clerk of Session
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