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# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

February 26, 2023

10:00 AM

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 32)

*Scout Liturgist*

One: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**All: Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

One: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;

**All: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

One: Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;

**All: at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.**

One: Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

**All: Let us worship the LORD together and open our hearts to his way.**

\*HYMN # 466 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

CALL TO CONFESSION

*Scout*

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God in confidence.

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

**Blessed Father, daily you reveal the glory and splendor of your kingdom. By concentrating our gifts on buying convenience and familiarity, we diminish your offer of abundant grace. Enable us through this offering to focus on your way and not on the temptations of this world. We pray humbly in your Spirit. Amen.**

\*HYMN # 280 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

CHARGE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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\*For those who are able, please stand.

## Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence

Ralph Cowdery; Nancy Dobbins; Mimi Dundon

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**God of the Wilderness, we confess that we do not always resist temptation. It is easy to fall into the ways of this world we have made. The world's problems are too big, and we desire to make things comfortable and easy for ourselves and those close to us. We ignore those in need around us, we allow injustice, and we deceive ourselves into thinking we can't do anything about the concerns of poverty and oppression around us. Call us into accountability, O God, to do the hard work of taking notice of the reality among us. To listen to the stories of those who have been oppressed even when it is hard for us to hear. To change our ways of life so that others may live. Lead us into right paths, O God, out of the wilderness of security and into the way promised for us, for Your name's sake. Amen.**

One: Now that we have confessed as a body, let us take the truths that have troubled our hearts to God silently. Let us not be worried about the awkwardness of silence, as we take some time to focus on speaking with our God.

*Silent Reflection*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is always near you, even if you cannot feel it. The Holy Spirit is within you, even if you do not notice it. Christ is always beside you, even if you cannot comprehend it. You are made in the image of God, beloved. You are precious. You are forgiven of your sins. Go and love one another. Tell others they are made in the image of God, and show them how much God loves them, and you will know God's love.

GLORIA PATRI # 579

**WE HEAR AND REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

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

***Scout leader Jamie Gruppe***

MUSICAL OFFERING

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

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SERMON "Hidden Temptation"

***Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from The Confession of 1967, Presbyterian Church USA)

**In Jesus of Nazareth true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them he took upon himself the judgment under which all men stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all men.**

**WE OFFER OUR LIVES TO GOD**

\*HYMN #81 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY (tune is Old Hundredth)

**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. A-men**

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We are a loving family of God, following Christ by practicing our legacy of worship, education, and mission to neighbors.