

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
March 10, 2019
11:00 A.M.

Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.

GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance Card as it is passed.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

This is God's house – a place of peace where we befriend one another in the name of Christ. Greet those around you as a sign of God's peace and Christ's friendship.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The journey begins today toward Jerusalem,
the cross that guides it,
the light that fades through it,
the word that foretells it,
the wilderness that invites it.

**ALL: This is Lent,
and walking into this pilgrimage way
is where God is calling us.**

One: Come, brothers and sisters,
Christ is heading for Jerusalem. The journey begins today.

*HYMN

"Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"

No. 66

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

"Siyahamba"

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

(congregation sings)

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CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

LITANY PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

One: Because temptation is woven into the fabric of our lives,
and we know the weariness of forty days in the desert,
and the beckoning power of sweet fruit & sloppy shortcuts,
and the shiny promises of this world, we need you, God.

All: We need you, God.

One: Because we see the broken before the whole,

the sad outcomes when we've missed the point, even as the Church
we see the need to lean in toward your son, Jesus,
we are bold to say the prayer he has taught us –

THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

"So In Love He Came"

López/Mock

Wounded, bleeding, crushed and broken, man of sorrows on a tree, bearing our iniquity. Nails pierced his hands and feet, there on his brow was placed the crown, the thorns, while all of heaven mournfully looked down. He who opened eyes to see, he who set the captives free, walk on water, calmed the storm, comforted the sad who mourned, he came to call his sheep, to give his life a sacrifice to save them. So in love he came; and his own righteousness sustain him. Wounded, beaten, broken, bleeding, son of heaven on a tree, bearing are iniquity. We like sheep have gone astray, everyone to his own way.
So in love he came.

HEARING OF THE GOSPEL

Luke 4: 1-13 (NT p. 61)

Leader: The Word of God. **All: For the People of God.** Leader: Thanks be to God.

Walking The Way of Jesus

SERMON

"The Wandering Way"

GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God"

No. 102

*DOXOLOGY

No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*UNISON PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**Here, at the outer limits of Lent,
where God's Kingdom is as near to us as our neighbor,
we begin a new week with the giving of these gifts,
and with the One you call Beloved,
whose strong stride invites us on a journey of redemption and inclusion.
O God, bless us in all our feeble attempts to bless others.
For the sake of Christ. Amen.**

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF GOING FORTH "O Lord, The Spirit Led You"

(see below)

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "May the Heavenly Father" Roger Wilson

*POSTLUDE

*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience.
(If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

*All who are comfortable standing are invited to stand.

HYMN OF GOING FORTH

"O Lord, The Spirit Led You"
(sung to the tune: "Lead On, O King Eternal")

O Lord, the Spirit led you into the wilderness;
For forty days the devil would put you to the test.
You fasted! You were famished! And soon the devil said,
"If you're God's Son, then show it: just turn this stone to bread."

Yet, Christ, your way was steady — as solid as that stone;
You trusted in God's promise, and not in bread alone.
Nor would you bow to earn you a kingdom made of sod,
For everyone must offer allegiance unto God.

High on the temple tower, you heard the tempter say:
If you think God has power, then simply step this way!
But you rebuked the devil, said, "No!", and turned around;
When others fell for evil, you stood on solid ground.

You were, in most ways, like us, and yet you did not sin.
We're grateful you walk with us as Lenten days begin.
May we, in each decision, be faithful, strong and sure.
May we, too, have a vision of things that will endure.

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