



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 6, 2022

Some tips for our time together:

1. Please mute your Zoom feed. There will be moments for you to share as you feel led at which point you can unmute.
2. As is typical, the singing and bold print are for communal response. Caroline and Dave will be unmuted and be the “out-loud” voice of the people. We invite you to sing and say the words aloud along with them where you are while muted.
3. Follow along in the bulletin on a separate device (e.g. phone)
4. We aren't sure, but it might make sense to switch back and forth between the 'gallery' and 'active speaker' modes. Perhaps utilizing active speaker mode for the reading of scripture, homily/sharing, and prayers of the people, while using gallery for the rest.
5. Create sacred space. Find symbols of the faith—cross, candles, Bible, bowl of water, icons—to put on a table near you during this time.
6. Asterisks in the bulletin indicate where the congregation is invited to stand.

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Bethlehem to Nazareth,
from Jordan to Jericho,
from Bethany to Jerusalem,
from then to now.

Come, Lord Jesus.

To heal the sick,
to mend the brokenhearted,
to comfort the disturbed,
to disturb the comfortable,
to cleanse the temple,
to liberate faith from convention.

Come, Lord Jesus.

To carry the cross,
to lead the way,
to shoulder the sin of the world
and take it away.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Today,
in this place,
to us as we worship.

Come, Lord Jesus.

SONG - Jesus, We Come

Out of our bondage, sorrow, and night,
Jesus, we come; Jesus, we come.
into thy freedom, gladness, and light,
Jesus, we come to thee.

Out of our sickness into thy health,
out of our want and into thy wealth,
out of our sin and into thyself,
Jesus, we come to thee.

Out of our shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, we come; Jesus, we come.
Into the glorious gain of thy cross,
Jesus, we come to thee.

Out of earth's sorrows into thy balm,
out of life's storms and into thy calm,
out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, we come to thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, we come; Jesus, we come.
Into thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, we come to thee.

Out of ourselves to dwell in thy love,
out of despair into raptures above,
upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, we come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, we come; Jesus, we come.
Into the joy and light of thy home,
Jesus, we come to thee.

Out of the depths of ruin untold,
into the peace of thy sheltering fold,
ever thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, we come to thee.

SONG OF CONFESSION - Kyrie

For the thing we've done and left undone,
for the ways we've wandered from your heart:
forgive us we pray.
forgive us we pray.

For the lies that we clutch to our chests,
for the fear that we invite as guest.
forgive us we pray.
forgive us we pray.

For the idols we put on your throne,
for the loves we choose above your own:
forgive us we pray,
forgive us we pray.

For the love we have but do not share;
for the times when we withhold your care;
forgive us we pray,
forgive us we pray.

Chorus:

Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy on us, on us. (2x)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SONG - In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful/*El Señor Es Mi Fortaleza*

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;	El Señor es mi fortaleza,
in the Lord I will rejoice!	el Señor es mi canción.
Look to God; do not be afraid.	Él nos da la salvación.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;	En él confío, no temeré.
lift up your voices, the Lord is near.	En él confío, no temeré.

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few

in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

GOSPEL LESSON* - Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone." '

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." '

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '

Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON - Pastor Kyle

RESPONSE

SONG* - When We Are Tested

When we are tested and wrestle alone,
famished for bread when the world offers stone,
nourish us, God, by your word and your way,
food that sustains us by night and by day.

When in the desert we cry for relief,
pleading for paths marked by certain belief,

When we are tempted to barter our souls,
Trading the truth for the pow'r to control,
teach us to worship and praise only you,
seeking your will in the work that we do.

When we have struggled
and searched through the night,

lift us to love you beyond sign and test,
Trusting your presence, our only true rest.

sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,
Savior, surround us with circles of care,
angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

Many in our community give their tithes and offerings online (rescov.org/give) and yet we believe it is still good and right to give God thanks as part of our worship. If you have offering this morning you are welcome to place it in the basket in the center aisle as we give God thanks.

DOXOLOGY*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

As we continue to navigate the implications of Covid we invite you to come down the center aisle, receive the bread and then proceed to the front side aisles to partake of the cup which is in individual portions. Place your empty cups in one of the baskets that can be found on the end-seats in the front or back rows of the side aisles.

SENDING

SONG - I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (#414)

I want Jesus to walk with me.
I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey,
I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

CHARGE/BENEDICTION*