

February 21, 2010 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

First Sunday in Lent

Liturgical Color: Purple

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

Chiming of the Trinity

Marisa Rogers

Prelude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Cherwein

*Call to Worship

Glenn Williams, Sunday School Superintendent

Leader: Gather to remember and share stories of faith; rejoice in the goodness of the loving God.

People: **Before our stories began, there was God; through all our days, God walks with us.**

Leader: Worship the one who gives and sustains life; sing praises to the one who is our refuge.

People: **There is no place we can go where God is not; amid life's terrors, God's promises hold true.**

Leader: Delight in God, whose protection we enjoy; dance with God, who frees us for new possibilities.

People: **We call out to God, expecting to be heard; we listen, knowing there is truth to be received.**

*Hymn No 116

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

(During the final verse of the hymn you may, if you wish, come to the chancel rail to kneel for the prayer of confession.)

Call to Confession

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Sovereign God, we confess our desire to reshape your world to our own advantage. We are more concerned with what we eat than with who will get to eat today. Our own security is more important to us than the health and safety of all your children. The first fruits of our labor grace the altars of our own desires instead of honoring you. We prefer that you keep your distance from us unless we need you. We like promises without commands, gifts without responsibilities. O God, we confess that our ways don't work. Turn us around for true worship and service, as forgiven and forgiving people.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

All who call on God will know the joy of salvation. Those who cling to God will be delivered. How great is the joy of people who are loved, forgiven, and set free to become a new creation, through Christ Jesus. God's gifts are for you. Receive them in trust, knowing that God's presence and protection are yours to enjoy every day. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Page 226 (OT) in pew Bibles

Epistle Reading

Romans 10:8b—13

Page 194 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastoral Prayer

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Cherwein

***Doxology No. 95** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* Old 100th
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 Thanksgiving**

Children's Message

Larry Moore

All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

***Passing of the Peace**

***Hymn No 269**

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Land of Rest

Affirmation of Faith No. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Gloria Patri No. 70**

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.

†*Gospel Lesson

Luke 4:1-13

Page 74 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Hope of the World

arr. Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir with Rhonda McGinnis, flute

Sermon

"Temptation"

Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

***Hymn No. 395**

Take Time to Be Holy

Holiness

***Prayer Shawl Blessing**

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response No. 666**

Shalom to You

SHALOM

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

***Postlude**

†Sermon Text

**Please stand if you are able*

Nursery Provided