

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.*

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Chiming of the Trinity**

Julia Baker

**Prelude**

*Jerusalem, My Happy Home*  
Chancel Bells

Michael Ryan

**\*Call to Worship**

Marilyn Murphy, UMW President

Leader: To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.

People: **Teach us your ways, O Lord; show us your paths and lead us in your truth.**

Leader: Trust in God, who will not put you to shame; be glad in the Lord and rejoice in God's justice.

People: **Shout for joy, all you upright in heart!** *(Based on Psalms 25 and 32)*

**\*Hymn No. 111**

*How Can We Name a Love*

Terra Beata

**Call to Confession**

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Christ our Lord was tempted in the wilderness and knows all our trouble and weakness. We therefore have courage to confess our failings and our sins, knowing that the God of Jesus Christ will hear and forgive us.

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Forty days alone, a wilderness of thoughts, tempting and inviting thoughts, which could so easily have distracted you from your task, your mission, your vision. Yet you emerged, stronger and more attuned to all that had to be done, despite a time constraint that to our eyes would have seemed hopeless. We too live in stressful times. Demands are made of our time that leave so little for the important things of life. We are easily distracted in the wilderness of our lives, by every call to go this way or that, to turn stone to bread, leap from mountains, and do all that would keep us from the truth. We listen to the voices of this world, and ignore the one who endured all this and so much more, and emerged triumphant, that we might not have to suffer so. Forgive us, Father, when we get distracted from our task. Forgive us those times when we try to be all things to all people, and fail to be anything to anyone. Amen.

- *John Birch, Faith and*

*Worship.com (adapted)*

**Silent Prayer**

**Words of Assurance**

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Jesus dismissed the tempter and walked from the wilderness toward the glory of the cross. Let us rejoice this day in Jesus' glorious victory through his death and resurrection. In Jesus' name we are forgiven.

**A Modern Affirmation**

Pastor: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true Church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

**All: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's un failing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

**Stewardship Testimony**

Karl and Debbie Kelly

**Old Testament Reading**

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

Page 2 (OT) in pew Bibles

**New Testament Reading**

Romans 5:12-19

Page 189 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*  
Chancel Choir

Kenneth Kosche

**Pastoral Prayer**

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

**Lord's Prayer (In Unison)**

**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.**

**Offering**

**Offertory**

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*  
Chancel Bells

arr. Linda Lamb

**\*Doxology # 95**

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Old 100th

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

**Children's Message**

Kathy Kelly

*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.*

**\*Hymn No. 368**

*My Hope Is Built*

The Solid Rock

**†\*Gospel Reading**

Matthew 4:1-11

Pages 3 & 4 (NT) in pew Bibles

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

"Growing Stronger"

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

**\*Hymn No. 377**

*It Is Well with My Soul*

Ville Du Havre

**\*Benediction**

Leader: Do not live by bread alone, but by the will of God.

People: **May God give the angels charge over us; may their hands bear us up and keep us from falling. Amen.**

**\*Benediction Response**

*May God Bestow on Us His Grace*

*May God bestow on us his grace, with blessings rich provide us; and may the brightness of his face to life eternal guide us, that we his gracious work may know, and what is his good pleasure, and to the unbelieving show Christ's riches without measure.*

**\*Postlude**

**†Sermon Text**

*\* Please stand if you are able*

*Nursery Provided*