

Order of Worship
March 05, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.
First Sunday of Lent

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Call to Worship: (responsively) (based on Psalm 32:1-6)

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

People: Happy are those to whom the LORD reckons no wrongdoing, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Leader: While we kept silence, our bodies wasted away through our groanings all day long.

People: God's hand was heavy upon us; our strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Leader: But when we acknowledged our sin to God, and did not hide our wrongdoings, God forgave the guilt of our sin.

People: Therefore, let all who are faithful, offer prayers of repentance to God; then in times of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach us.

*Hymn: "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" # 281

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

Gracious and merciful God, we confess to you our reluctance to enter the wilderness places where we are confronted with our true selves; where we have to face the truth that we often give allegiance to worldly values before you. Forgive us, Lord, for mis-using and abusing the blessings and gifts you have given us in our desire to serve our selves. Strengthen us, by your Spirit, to be faithful followers of Jesus and then to give witness in our world of your great love and mercy for us all. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

Confession Response: "Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us." # 574

Assurance of Pardon

Greeting One Another

*Response "Gloria Patri" # 579

HEARING THE WORD

Let the Children Come

Choral Music

Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon: "Wilderness: A Time of Learning"
(The sermons during Lent are inspired and adapted from a sermon series titled "Wilderness Time" by Tim K. Bruster)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" # 363

Eucharist

Invitation to the Table

May the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Offertory and Presentation of Gifts to God

*Doxology # 592

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" # 101

*Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response: "Amen"