

Order of Worship
March 12, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.
Second Sunday of Lent

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Call to Worship: (responsively) (based on Psalm 81:1-3 & 10)

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

People: Raise a song, sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.

Leader: Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our festal day.

People: For it was the LORD our God, who brought you up out of slavery and has filled our lives with good things.

*Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" # 138

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

God of great mercy and grace, we confess that we have sinned against you. We speak as though all hope is lost in the world, even while you are still with us through your Spirit. We act as though death is the end of all things, even while you are still reminding us of the new life you provide revealed in the coming of spring. We live as though we are on our own, even while we gather in this fellowship of your body. Forgive us and create a new heart within us so that we may live faithful and joyful lives for your honor and glory. 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 Readings: Matthew 4:1-11 & Second Corinthians 4:8-11

Sermon: "Wilderness: A Time of Challenge"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" # 404

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory and Presentation of Gifts to God

*Doxology # 592

*Prayer of Dedication

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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.

*Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God" # 555

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response: "God be with you til we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you; with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you til we meet again."

