

Order of Worship
March 19, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.
Third Sunday of Lent

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Call to Worship: (responsively) (Based on Psalm 90:1-2, 4 & 12)

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

People: Before the mountains were brought forth or you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Leader: A thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

People: So, Lord, teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart and live with gratitude.

All: Eternal God, renew us each morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all the days of our lives.

*Hymn: "The God of Abraham Praise" # 488

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (in unison) (Based on Psalm 51)

"¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit." Then I will open my mouth, O God, and sing the praises of your mercy and steadfast love shown to us in Jesus Christ, and it is in his name 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 and Hebrews 4:14-16

Sermon: "Wilderness: A Time of Dependence"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: "My Shepherd Shall Supply My Need" # 172

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: "Be Still My Soul" insert

*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."**