

Order of Worship
March 26, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Call to Worship: (responsively) (based on Psalm 92:1-2 & 4)

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to the name of the Most High.

People: It is good to declare God's steadfast love in the morning and his faithfulness by night.

Leader: It is good to make music many instruments and to make melody with our voices.

People: For the LORD has made us glad by his wondrous works; and so we will sing for joy in praise of his name

*Hymn: "God of Grace and God of Glory" # 420

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, Lord, forgive what we have been, help us to be mindful of what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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 2 Corinthians 5:14-19

Sermon: Wilderness: Time for a New Beginning

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: "Amazing Grace" # 280

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: "I Love to Tell the Story" 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."