

Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

First Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2019



† Those who are able, please stand

Westminster Peal

Prelude

"O Mensch, beweine deine Sünde groß," BWV 622 J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Dr. Ken Sass, Guest Organist

GATHERING

Welcome and Church Family Life

Rev. Susan Haynes

Choral Introit

"He That Hath Made His Refuge God"

Thomas Clark (1775-1859)

† Gathering as the Children of God

One: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

All: *The journey begins in the wilderness.*

One: We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

All: *Like Jesus, we are not alone.*

The Holy Spirit is with us.

God's Word is on our lips.

One: Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God's will in all things.

All: *For God leads us not only into the wilderness, but also through the wilderness.*

† Hymn No. 386

"O for a World"

† Prayer of Confession (unison)

Amy Kiley

O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you.

We fall to temptations; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own.

We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world.

In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend.

Forgive us, we pray.

Do not let us be put to shame, O God.

Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

† Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

People: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

† Response

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

(Hymn no. 347)

v. 1 *"Forgive our sins as we forgive," You taught us, Lord to pray.
But You alone can grant us grace To live the words we say.*
v. 4 *Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls And bid resentment cease.
Then, bound to all in bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace*

† Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson

Luke 4:1-13

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem/Special Music

"He, Watching Over Israel"

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Sermon

"3 Things Jesus Lost in the Wilderness"

Rev. Haynes

† **Affirmation of Faith** Excerpted from Chapter IX - 3.09 - The Scots Confession

We believe:

*That our Lord Jesus offered himself a voluntary sacrifice unto his Father for us,
that he suffered contradiction of sinners,
that he was wounded and plagued for our transgressions,
that he, the clean innocent Lamb of God, was condemned in the presence of an earthly judge,
that we should be absolved before the judgment seat of our God;
that he suffered not only the cruel death of the cross, which was accursed by the sentence
of God; but also that he suffered for a season the wrath of his Father which sinners
had deserved.*

*But yet we avow that he remained the only, well beloved, and blessed Son of his Father even in the
midst of his anguish and torment which he suffered in body and soul to make full atonement for the
sins of his people.*

† **Hymn** (See Bulletin Insert) *“O Lord, the Spirit Led You”*

Prayers of the People

Elizabeth Small

THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

Offering

Offertory

“My Heart Is Ever Yearning,” Op. 122, No. 9

Johannes Brahms

† **Doxology** (hymn #592) *“Old Hundredth”*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† **Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING

† **Closing Hymn No. 81** *“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”*

† **Benediction**

Rev. Haynes

† **Congregational Response** (#535) *“Go With Us, Lord”*

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

*Go with us Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to You.*

† **Postlude** *“Allegro maestoso e vivace from Sonata in C Minor,”* Op. 65, No.2 Felix Mendelssohn

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MVPC Mission Statement

Blessed to Be a Blessing

We are a Presbyterian church filled with love and energy – an inclusive congregation committed to spiritual growth through *worship, study, fellowship, and service*.

- As **children of God**, we seek to *praise* God in worship and in all that we say and do
- As **disciples of Jesus Christ**, we *listen* to scripture, tradition, one another, and the world in order to understand God's will for us as individuals and as a community
- As **members of a family of faith**, we strive to *love* one another unconditionally, sharing our joys and standing beside one another in our struggles
- **Moved by the Spirit**, we *serve* our gracious God by taking that with which we have been blessed and turning it into blessings for others.



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