

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 1, 2020 11:00 AM

*Worshippers may stand as able.

Leader: Plain text
People: Bold text

The prelude is based on the opening hymn.

The liturgy was written by Amy Parker, based on Matthew 4:1-11.

We pour water into the Baptismal bowl as a reminder that we are washed clean of all our sins.

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLED TOGETHER

PRELUDE "Meditation on 'St. Flavian' " B. Portman
*INTROIT "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" No. 213, v.1

**In the cross of Christ I Glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We have been led by the Spirit to gather today:

The Spirit calls us to worship together.

We have been led by the Spirit to receive the Word of God today:

The Spirit teaches us God's truth.

We have been led by the Spirit to the Lord's Table today:

The Spirit refreshes our hungry, thirsty souls.

We have been led by the Spirit to worship today:

The Spirit blesses our prayers and praise!

*HYMN NO. 166 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" *ST. FLAVIAN*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all Truth, led by the crafter of lies,

we have wandered into the wasteland of wrong-doing.

We have too often indulged our bodies, and starved our souls:

Remind us that your Word is our true daily bread.

We have too often tried to test the bounds of your love:

**Remind us that as your beloved children,
your love for us knows no limits**

We have too often compromised our integrity

for the power to fulfill our dearest dreams:

**Remind us that you are the only one worthy of worship,
and all glory, honor, and power belong to you.**

Have mercy on us, God of love,

and forgive us for the power we give to temptation in our lives:

(silent prayers of confession) And all God's people say, **Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ's example assures us that we can overcome temptation.

And Christ's grace reassures us that we are loved even when we fail.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE *"The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you!"*

*SONG OF PRAISE "Surely, It is God Who Saves Me" No. 71, refrain

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.

TO RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC "Jesus Took the Cup" H. Hopson

Jesus took the bread, He took the bread and blest it, then gave it to his disciples, He gave it to them saying: "Take and eat this bread. This bread is my own body. Do this and remember me and eat." Jesus took the cup, He took the cup, gave thanks, then gave it to his disciples, He gave it to them saying: "Take and drink this cup, this cup is my own blood, do this and remember me and drink." Thanks to God forever.

GATHERING "Where Children Belong"

**This, this is where children belong,
Welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song:
This is where children belong.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN Amy Parker

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON "Turn these stones into bread" Dr. Todd Wright

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed page 34

*HYMN NO. 618 vs. 1, 2, & 5 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High" *DEO GRACIAS*

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Recit de Cornet" F. Couperin

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (see insert)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER

TO LIVE AS DISCIPLES

*HYMN NO. 783 (see insert) "When We Are Tested" *SLANE*

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" No.541

**God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE: "Recessional on 'St. Flavian' " H. Willan

The Great Prayer was written by Amy Parker.

We conclude worship with the Postlude. Those who leave during the postlude are requested to do so quietly and respectfully.



If you would like to give flowers to celebrate a special day or person, please contact Leslie Bremer.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments, after worship.



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Bob Hiser
Jeff Smith
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Richard Callard '20
John France '21
Nancy Wallace '22

GREETERS: *Greeters before Worship:* John Fleck and Patty Skaff *Greeters after Worship:* Cindy Hanna and Barbara Tabaretti

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Dr. Todd Wright, *preacher*; Rev. Dr. Amy Parker; Carolyn Perrine, *organist*

COMMUNION SERVERS: Jack Grimm, Kathy Kruk, Patty Skaff, Brendan Stump, Heather Barry, Greg Rader, Sarah Stump, Barbara Tabaretti, Judy Haddock

NURSERY ATTENDANTS: Jessica Gentry and Sheila Danzer

FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Warren and Sheila Danzer to offer thankfulness for the joys and blessings received from their grandchildren and to celebrate their birthdays - Aiden Hoffman (2 years on Feb. 19th), Jack Cantrell (5 years on March 12th), Lucas Hoffman (8 years on March 11th). They are also thankful for their daughter Emily (Mom to Lucas and Aiden) whose birthday is March 5th.

OFFERING COUNTERS: Vicki Cunningham and Bob Hiser

THIS SUNDAY, March 1, 2020

- + 9:45 AM – Sunday school
- + 11:00 AM – Worship
- + 12:00 PM – Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall (Provided by the Property Team)

THIS WEEK

- + Monday, March 2, 10:30 AM – Bridge; 5 PM – Tai Chi; 7 PM – Lenten Bible Study
- + Tuesday, March 3, 7 PM – Choir Practice
- + Wednesday, March 4, 11 AM – Bridge;
- + Thursday, March 5, 10 AM – PW Coordinating Team Meeting
- + Friday, March 6, 7 PM – NA Meeting
- + Saturday, March 7, Blood Drive

NEXT SUNDAY, March 7, 2020

- + 9:45 AM – Sunday school
- + 11:00 AM – Worship
- + 12:00 PM – Refreshments in Fellowship Hall (Provided by the Personnel Team)

Happy Birthday! **Those having a birthday this week:** Sandra Zubick (March 1st), Jule Sockman (3rd), Mike McClung (4th), Sally Clark (4th), Mary Schiano (6th), Janet Kinzer (7th), Joan Myers (7th). If we have missed your birthday, please let us know!

PRAYERS FOR: Bertha Miller, Betsy White, Kathryn McCrary, Dave Dawson, Alatheia Stickler, Sharon Richardson, Gretchen Spella; Erin Chiparo; Jane Harich; Sandy and Leon Copeland; Jeanne MacDonald; Bonnie Waggy; Lynn Gunnoe; Martha Foster; Nancy Trotter; Maggie Powell; David Joslin; Steve and Susie Matulis; Tyler Zubick; Helen Singleton; Todd Wright, Amy Parker & their families; the session of Village Chapel

Those in care facilities: Martha Foster, Sherry Russell, Helen Singleton

Those overseas: Matthew Walker

All Students

Military Service: Josie Thomas, Paul Caruso, Rich Jarrett, and John Underhill

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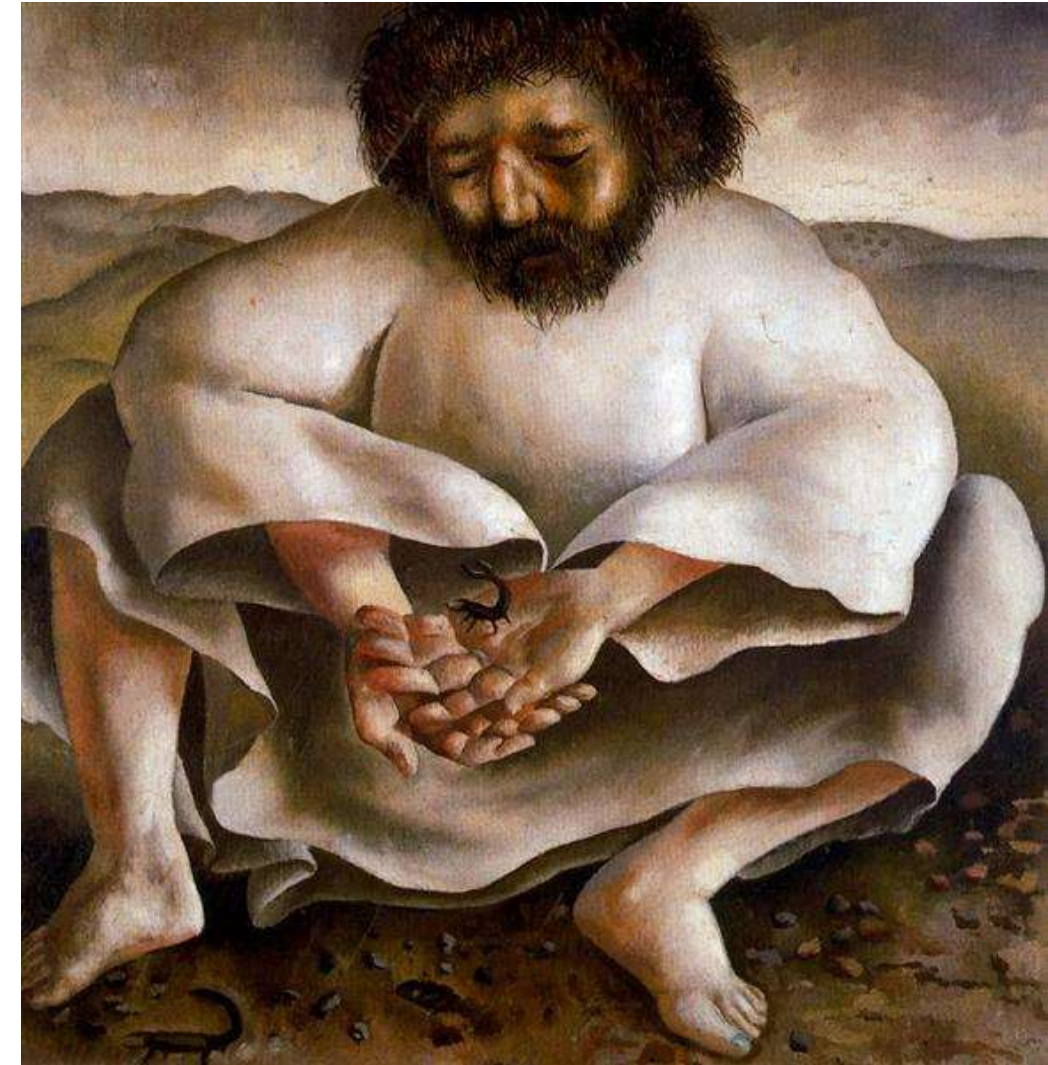
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"Christ in the Wilderness - The scorpion" by Stanley Spencer
Deuteronomy 8 refers to "the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous^[a] snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, ¹⁶and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good."

We believe children learn to worship by being in worship, so childcare for children (infant to kindergarten) begins after the Time for Children. The adult attendants will lead children out of the sanctuary to their room in the basement of the Education wing. **They will return for the celebration of communion.**

Worship bags for all children are available in the Narthex (at the back of the sanctuary).

Our sanctuary is equipped with hearing assist devices. Please see one of the ushers to borrow one during the service.

This Sunday's bulletin is printed on paper that contains at least 10% recycled fiber. A receptacle for recycling paper is located at the back of the sanctuary.

Please remember to silence your cell phones.