Our Vision: A world where all experience and share the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

March 10, 2019

(*Please stand if you are able) 11:00 am

... THE APPROACH TO GOD...

Prelude

Greeting/Prayer

Church Life

Jared Cave - Mission Moment

Gathering Anthem  “People Need the Lord”  Chancel Choir

Call to Worship

After he was baptized by John, Jesus went by himself to the wilderness where he was tempted. 

Forty days in the desert, Jesus was tempted to become relevant, spectacular, and powerful.

Today, we begin to journey with Jesus through the season of Lent, which brings us to face some of our own weaknesses and temptations.

Let us worship God and walk the journey together, seeking the spirit as our guide and companion along the way.

*Singing Together (Blue) #21  ** “How Great Thou Art” v. 1, 3 & 4

Unison Prayer of Confession

God, you know our hearts. You have knitted our inmost being and you know our deepest desires, fears and worries. Help us to journey during this Lenten season into a new awareness of your presence in our lives. Save us from our own temptations, so that we may more freely follow you. We confess that the longing for power, possessions and fame cause us to do things that do not glorify you, forgive us and help us to have the strength and courage that Jesus had to say no. Amen.

Word’s of Assurance  Psalm 103:13-18

“As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who revere him. He knows us inside and out. He knows our inner strengths, and our humanness, our passions and our shortcomings. His steadfast love is from everlasting to everlasting, with those who will follow his covenant ways, making things go right for them and for their children.”
God’s Way for Living  
II Corinthians 5:18, 20
God has reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.

Sunday School Students Dismissed

Ministry of Music †
“*You Think of Me*”  
Mock/Nichols
“…When I think of Heaven, all the sights and sounds around Your throne.”

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory
*Doxology (Blue) #200  
“*Lord, Who Throughout*” v. 1 only
*Offertory Prayer

THE WORD OF GOD…
“40 days, 40 prayers, 40 words”  

…OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD…

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs. We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted. We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child. We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts. We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine. We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us. This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer (Blue) #632

*This morning, we will sing the “Lord’s Prayer”. As is our custom, please remain seated until the final chorus: “For Thine is the Kingdom…” (Rise and reach across the aisle with your arms to Heaven.)*

*Benediction

Postlude

†This morning’s anthem was given by Tom & Mary Bartha in honor & memory of loved ones.

Following worship please join us in Fellowship Hall for refreshments.
TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Worship Leader: Rev. Kirsty DePree
Liturgist: Terry Terhune
Music Director: Patricia Kitchell
Organist: Scott Burzynski
Bell Choir Director: Janine Maletsky
Ushers: David Hackbarth - co-captain, Al Kuebler - co-captain
Janet Hackbarth, Fran Bierwas, Robin Sharpe, Joe Apgar

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You are invited to speak with your Elder representative about any concerns or suggestions you have related to church life.

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