

March 6, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. Lent Week 1
Welcome to Worship!

Gathering Song #205 Forty Days and Forty Nights
Forty days and forty nights you were fasting in the wild;
Forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.

Shall we not your sorrow share and from worldly joys abstain,
Fasting with unceasing prayer, strong with you to suffer pain?

Then if Satan on us press, flesh or spirit to assail,
Victor in the wilderness, grant that we not faint or fail!

So shall we have peace divine: holier gladness ours shall be;
'Round us, too, shall angels shine, such as served you faithfully.

Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by your side;
That with you we may appear at the eternal Easter-tide.

Welcome & Announcements

Julia Burkey

The Compassion Offering for the month of March is UCC's One Great Hour of Sharing

Embodied Prayer

Psalm 139, adapted

Julie Mazer

God, you know everything about me.
You know who I am and what I'll be.
You see me when I sit and when I stand
You hold me in your hand
You know everything I think.
And even when I blink.
You know when I leave and when I return
And you know all of my concerns.
Bless me, oh God, and know my heart.

Time for Children

Julia Burkey

Anthem

Into the Woods My Master Went

ORUCC Choir

Music by Austin C. Lovelace, text by Sidney Lanier

Into the woods my Master went, clean forspent, forspent, forspent. Into the woods my Master came, forspent with love and shame. But the olives they were not blind to Him. The little gray leaves were kind to Him. The thorn tree had a mind to Him, when into the woods He came. Out of the woods my Master went, and He was well content. Out of the woods my Master came, content with death and shame. When death and shame would woo Him last, from under the trees they drew Him last, 'twas on a tree they slew Him last, when out of the woods He came, when out of the woods He came.

Our Community at Prayer

Litany for Ukraine

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

After each prayer request, all are invited to respond,
"God of Our Lenten Journey, **hear our prayer.**"

The Prayer of Jesus

Loving God, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering our Gifts #591 This Is My Song

**This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**

**My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
Oh, hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.**

Sacred Readings

Luke 4:1-13

Lay Liturgist Jim McNamara

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve God only.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'God will command the angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

This is the witness of the people of God

Sermon

The Journey of Lent

Julia Burkey

Sacrament of Communion

The Pastors

Invitation to Communion

One: And the table will be wide. And the welcome will be wide.

All: And the arms will open wide to gather us in. And our hearts will open wide to receive.

One: And we will come as children who trust there is enough. And we will come unhindered and free. And we will come remembering our oneness with all the people of God, both the living and the dead.

All: And our aching will be met with bread. And our sorrow will be met with wine.

One: And we will open our hands to the feast without shame. And we will turn toward each other without fear.

All: And we will lose our appetite for competition and rivalry. And we will taste and know the delight of reconciliation, forgiveness and love.

One: And we will become bread for a hungry world. And we will become drink for those who thirst.

All: And the blessed will become the blessing. And everywhere will be the feast.

Words of Institution and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing of the Meal

Music during Communion

We Gather at Your Table, Lord

ORUCC Choir

Traditional Irish Melody arranged by Walter Ehret, text by Wade Alexander Mansur

We gather at your table, Lord, grant peace and unity;

In keeping with your will and word, may we one body be.

Now let us take the sacred bread, our souls and bodies feed;

In heart and soul we shall be fed, Your holy will to heed.

Now let us take the wine of heav'n, for Christ, whose blood was shed;

That here we meet with sins forgiv'n, and by his grace are led.

To you, O Lord, we sing our song, may we be one in love

For we by faith to you belong, One with your church above!

Prayer of Rededication

Closing Song of Gratitude and Adoration #793 Santo, Santo, Santo

¡Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!

Mi corazón te sabe decir: santo eres Dios.

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!

My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, God!

Words of Blessing

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Thank you for worshipping with us!