



Mark 1: 9 -15 Revised Standard Version

The Baptism of Jesus

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opened and the Spirit descending upon him like a dove; ¹¹ and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased."

The Temptation of Jesus

¹² The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ And he was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to him.

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel."



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Pastor

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Associate Pastor

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

PURPLE

8:30 & 11:00 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE		Sally Koontz
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT		Jim Offutt
SCRIPTURE	Mark 1: 9 -15	
SERMON	"Challenging Love"	Rev. Emily Kirby
OFFERTORY	"Lay 'Em Down"	Kelly Campman
PRAYER		Rev. Emily Kirby
LORD'S PRAYER		
BENEDICTION		Rev. Emily Kirby
POSTLUDE	<i>"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"</i>	Sally Koontz

Sally Koontz
Pianist/Organist

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

In Person Worship Guidelines/Rules

Remember that in order to "safely" conduct "in person" services during these difficult times of COVID-19 and social distancing we have developed guidelines. They may be long and cumbersome to read and remember but we all must be vigilant. So with that in mind, as much as you would LOVE to speak and stop to chat with someone, please:

- Follow the usher to your seat
- Once seated, stay in your seat, unfortunately it is not safe to leave and socialize.
- After the service please follow the exit procedure and walk to the exit when it is your turn to proceed. It is not safe for you or others to stop talk and socialize when exiting.

We all must follow the rules so that we can continue to worship in person. Do you realize that there are some churches that are now back to only streaming services because of virus outbreaks? Let's try not to do that and follow the rules.

The **Prayer Quilts** at the front today will go to Ron & Carol Colyer, Crystal Damron, and Carol Bailey. The pastor will pray over the quilts and you may offer silent prayers for the recipients.

Pick Up Your Offering Envelopes for 2021

Haven't gotten your offering envelopes for 2021 in the fellowship hall at the church office on Sunday morning when you are here for church service or during the week when the office is open.

Today, a new Sunday adventure at 9AM!! Calling All Youth (6th thru 12th grade)

Once we have been given the "all clear" we will be starting a new one hour adventure. Keep a lookout for our starting date as well as details. There will have food and fun!

Subscribe to our LRUMC eBlast

Now more than ever we need to keep in contact with each other. If you are not currently on our weekly e-Blast distribution list we encourage you to do so. By signing up you will be able to receive our weekly e-Blast, links to our bulletins for Sunday Services and on those rare occasions when the Pastors need to get a special note out with changes or other information, you will be informed promptly. To sign up go <https://lrumc.net/2021/01/18/sign-up-for-our-lrumc-e-blast/> there is also a link in our Facebook posts area, or there is a link on our website lrumc.net. We promise not to SPAM you!

In lieu of in-person River Kids Worship, we will be providing digital worship opportunities that include take-home worship kits, to help our digital services be intentional and engaging. These kits will include activities, elements to be used during the worship time, and additional information to put our beliefs into action. To register to receive these monthly worship kits please [CLICK THIS LINK in the church eblast](#). **Kit recipients do not need to be local to our Little River community. If you or your family would like to receive and participate in our ministry please register with the link above.

Lenten Challenge - 40 Days 40 Items

Rev. Freeman mentioned this challenge on Sunday morning. Instead of giving up something for Lent – the 40 days and 40 (Wednesday Feb 17 thru Thursday, April 1) items challenge is a way of giving back. Each day of Lent, remove one item from your home, which you don't use or wear anymore and place it in a bag. At the end of Lent, donate these items to a shelter or charity. They'll be shared with those who really need them!

NOTE: Please *DO NOT* drop off at the church as we cannot accept them.

THIS WEEK AT LRUMC

Sunday, February 21

8:30 Traditional Service In Person
9:00 Family Devotion Streaming on Facebook
9:00 Youth Sunday Adventure
9:30 Contemporary Service In Person
10:30 Pairs & Spares Bible Study via Zoom
5:00 UMYF

Monday, February 22

10:00 Dignity Ministry, Life Center

Tuesday, February 23

11:00 Digital Women's Bible Study, Emily Kirby in Life Center

Wednesday, February 24

12:00 Wednesday Service, In person in sanctuary

Thursday, February 25

10:00 Dignity Ministry

Friday, February 26

5:00 Shepherd's Table Dinner, Food Pick up only

Our Presence on February 14, 2021

In Person Worship Returning from Covid-19 Church Closing.

8:30 AM 39

9:30 AM 67

11:00 AM 38

Worship Total: **144**

OUR PRAYERS

Wayne Baker, Carol Bailey, Teresa L. Banner, James Barbato, Hilda Barnes, Gordon Best family, Roy Betsill & family, Joyce Ann Bolig, Bette Bosworth, Wayne & Jo Booth, Margaret Brainard, Ray Brick, Stacey Brown, Helena Burkey, JoAnne Carrison, Rick Clayton, Bonnie Clore, Ron Colyer, Ed Compton, George Clark, Teresa & Bud Cox, Fred Crum, Crystal Damron, Pat Deen, Kathy Devine, Carroll Edwards, Betty Guildo, Josh Hancock, Caroline Hester, June Humphreys, Julia Kenney, Hap LaBonge, Bill & Linda Lesler, Bill Lesnick, Jack Loftis, Judy Mattson, Laraine McCaskill, Joe McIlroy, Jeannette McFee, Frankie Melvin, Don & Joyce Miller, Estelle Minicozzi, Mike Mitchell, Beverly Myers & family, Jerry Neuss, Frank Palaia, Gary Perkins, Priscilla Rivera, Calvin Saunders, Kathy Shipman, Family & friends of Peggy Spitzer, Family & friends of Eukie Stinger, Jane Swanson, Jerry & Barbara Titshaw, Diana Troutt, Jim Weeks, Robert Witt, Bonnie Woods

*** Medical Support personnel, First Responders and ALL Essential Workers that are protecting and serving us during this time of need.*

***All military especially those in harm's way.*