SUNDAY ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:30 AM

March 6, 2022 - First Sunday in Lent

[Please stand, as able, where indicated.]

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Lead Me, Guide Me* ELW 768

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please see the bulletin or newsletter for any announcements. All announcements are due in writing by noon on Tuesday to the church office.

MINISTRY OF FRIENDSHIP - ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY: FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

[Please stand as you are able]

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG ***Create In Me A Clean Heart***

Create in me a clean heart O God
Let me be like You in all my ways
Give me Your strength
Teach me Your song
Shelter me in the shadow of Your wings
For we are Your righteousness
If we die to ourselves
And live thro' Your death
Then we shall be born again
To be blessed in Your love

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you!

KYRIE

Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy
Have mercy on us

Christ have mercy
Christ have mercy
Christ have mercy
Have mercy on us

Chad Watkins

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Let us pray…(*silence*) … O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

[Please sit]

WORD

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11
The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

Reader: A reading from Deuteronomy.

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Reader: Here ends the Reading.

PSALMODY Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

L: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

**C: He shall say to the LORD, "You are my refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust."**

L: Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

**C: there shall no evil happen to you,
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**

L: For he shall give his angels charge over you,
to keep you in all your ways.

**C: They shall bear you in their hands,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

L: You shall tread upon the lion and the adder;
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

**C: Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows my name.**

L: He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

**C: With long life will I satisfy him,
and show him my salvation.**

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

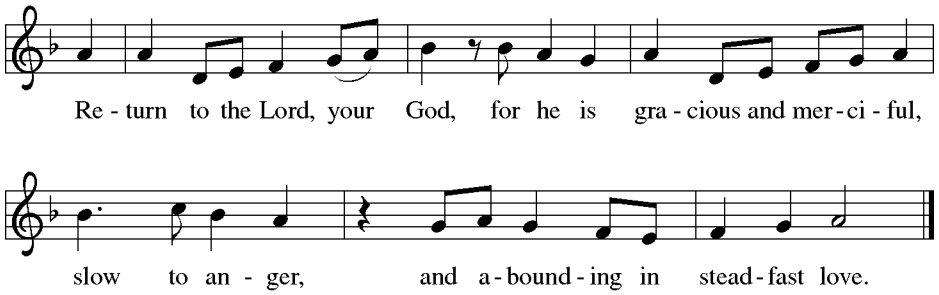
Reader: A reading from Romans.

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Reader: Here ends the Reading.

[Please stand as you are able]

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus according to Saint Luke.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13
After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."

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 only him.' " 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, 'He will command his 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.

P: The holy gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

[Please sit]

SERMON **The Rev. Dr. Banitt**

[Please stand as you are able]

HYMN OF THE DAY ***O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*** **ELW 319**

PROFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Generous Lord God, all we possess is a gift from you. You only ask that we return a portion to you in thanks for your many blessings. Help us to learn from your own example to be cheerful givers of our time, our talents and our financial support, that we might celebrate your mighty love in this way each day

A: Hear us, God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Most High, Lord Almighty, you are the refuge and fortress of all who fear. Help us find a way to stop evil here on this earth. Guard the weak and helpless, provide sanctuary for the fearful and strength for all who battle against unseen forces that cause harm. Protect all who know you as their God whenever they call on you as well as those who do not know upon whom to call.

A: Hear us, God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Powerful God, you sent Jesus to be our Lord, and you ask us to confess him as our Savior. We pray for faithful leaders in your Church, for volunteers, paid staff, tireless workers, teachers and janitors – all people who serve you in so many ways. Make each of us bold to tell others of our hope that rests in you.

A: Hear us, God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Comforter and Hope of all who are tempted, be present with these, your children, who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Especially these we name in our silently in our hearts or with our voices now…*(long pause)* … Bear them up as on wings of eagles so that they might never fear what is your will for each of them.

A: Hear us, God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

THE OFFERTORY *Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord*

Humble thyself
In the sight of the Lord
Humble thyself
In the sight of the Lord
And He shall lift you up
Higher and higher
And He shall lift you up

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy
Lord God Almighty
Heaven and earth are full of your Glory!
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!

Chad Watkins

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; +
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, +
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us + and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With *name/s and* your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION AND FRACTION

P: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

C: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

[Please sit]

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world have mercy on us
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world have mercy on us
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world grant us peace

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION: INTINCTION AND COMMON CUP

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION *Refuge* Darrell Evans

[Please stand as you are able]

TABLE BLESSING

P: May this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING

SENDING ***I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*** **ELW 325**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL A: Glorify God. Spread the Word. **C: Love One Another.**

POSTLUDE