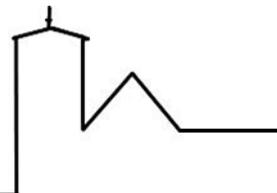


1ST SUNDAY IN LENT



GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PREPARATION

**Chorale Prelude on Aus der Tiefe rufe ich
(Out of the Depths I cry, Lord, to thee)**

C.P.E. Bach

Introit

Create in me a Clean Heart

(The congregation is invited to sing the 2nd time)

1. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God. Re - new a right
spir - it with - in me; And cast me not from your pres - ence,
Lord, And take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

You who are poor, why have you come?

To hear good news.

You who are brokenhearted, why have you come?

To have our hearts healed.

You are captive, why have you come?

To hear words of freedom.

You who are prisoners, why have you come?

To be released from what binds us.

You who mourn, why have you come?

To receive comfort.

Then you are welcome here in this place,
At this table, where Jesus offers blessing for all.

Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 77

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Aus Der Tiefe Rufe Ich

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*UNISON*)

Merciful God, you know all about our troubles. Your Son was tested in the wilderness, tempted by the powers and principalities of the age. We confess that we give in to them too easily and too often.

Yet you continue to forgive us, reminding us that nothing we can do can make us lose your love. Holy God, turn us from the evil powers in high places so that we may return to you and to the path you have called us to. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Amen.

TIME FOR SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)
F C F B^b C F

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have

(A) (D/F[#]) (F[#]m) (G) (A) (Bm)
C F/A Am B^b C Dm

mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 2:15-17

PSALM 32

How Blest are Those

Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvogelein

EPISTLE: Romans 5:12-19

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

The Word of the Lord...

Thanks be to God.

SERMON:

“We Will be Tested”

Rev. Tim Mitchell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN *(see insert)*

Dust and Ashes Touch Our Face
Congregation is invited to sing the refrain

Dust and Ashes

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(UNISON) (From A Brief Statement of Faith)*

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us the courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in the Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

Grateful to God and empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

A Lenten Walk

American Spiritual/Hal Hopson

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself.
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself.
We must walk this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves.
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us, we have to walk it ourselves.



SEALING THE WORD

INTERCESSIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS

In your mercy... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(singing together, Hymn 571)*

**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.**

CARRYING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 87**

The Glory of these Forty Days

Erhalt Uns, Herr

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Tocatta on Aus der Tiefe
(Forty Days and Forty Nights)

Christopher Tambling

Leading in worship today:

Rev. Tim Mitchell

Dr. Polly Brecht, Organist-Choirmaster

J. Douglas McQueen, tenor · Kate Kortemeier, alto

David Kortemeier, bass · Dan Stanley, tenor

Rebekah Dentino, soprano



Open Mind Open Hands Open Heart

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