

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

*CLOSING HYMN - *"I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"* - #488

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE - *"Go In Peace"* (see insert)
1st time - Choir
2nd time - Choir and Congregation

*POSTLUDE - *"On Eagle's Wings"* - arr. Carter



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Order of Worship

1st Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025

At the sound of the chimes, please use this time to silently prepare for worship.

CHIMES

PRELUDE - *"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"* - arr. Schrader

GREETING This is the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

INTROIT - *"When We Are Tested"* (Faith Choir)

* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

Tested by the devil in the wilderness, Jesus said:
You shall worship the Lord your God alone.
God's promise is for all generations;
God's covenant is with every living thing.
The word of God is near to us.
Call on the Lord and you will be saved!

* OPENING HYMN - *"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"* - #166

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Almighty God, your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin. Lord, we admit we have sinned against you and your people. We have lied, we have been cruel, we have been selfish and greedy. Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save.

Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

~ Let us take a few moments for silent reflection. ~

*** THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)**

Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved people of God, believe the good news: through the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

*** GLORIA PATRI - Traditional**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Amen.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE (responsively)**

May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance. The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

(You are invited to offer your neighbor a brief sign of peace.)

THE WELCOMING OF GUESTS

We invite our guests to use the nametags in the attendance pads to identify themselves so that we may get to know each other.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDRENS TIME - Elder Richard Carter

ANTHEM - "For God So Loved the World" - Martin (Faith Choir)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the scriptures are read and your word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God**

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Luke 4:1-13

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SERMON - "Prayers From The Desert"

BAPTISM OF ELEANOR ANNE RICHARDSON WHEAT

"The Apostles' Creed"

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

SHARING OUR PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY - "Shall We Gather at the River" - arr. Wellman

***DOXOLOGY - Traditional**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**