

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2018

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER Pastor and Congregation

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: *The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights.*

Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Elijah got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

Jesus was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan;

and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Pastor: Lord God, who cleansed the earth through forty days of floods,

People: and gave Your guiding law through forty days of worship,

Pastor: who revived Elijah through forty days of pilgrimage,

People: and sent Your Son to fight our foe through forty days of fasting;

Pastor: grant us grace to enter the flood, the fire, the desert,

People: the penitence and the journey; the emptiness and the fasting,

Pastor: that leads us to Gethsemane, and the dark scene of Golgotha,

People: and leave us at the empty tomb, to see Your risen Son.

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON... *Matthew 4:1-11*..... Reggie Jackson

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹ and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

CHORAL RESPONSE ... "We Are Not Alone" Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Brandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We pray you: in your mercy forgive what we have been, amend what we are, direct what we shall be; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, giving thanks in all circumstances through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the Good News, in the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

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MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN ... "Fairest Lord Jesus" 159

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

GOSPEL LESSON ... *John 18:28-40*..... Molly Abbott

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. ²⁹ So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" ³⁰ They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." ³¹ Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." ³² (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) ³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." ³⁸ Pilate asked him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. ³⁹ But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ⁴⁰ They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

MUSIC ... "Hope of the World" Julie McCaskill, Pat McBride, David Kellis

SERMON Pastor

CLOSING HYMN ... "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" ...vs. 1, 2 and 4 497

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

USHERS

TODAY Dwight Saunders' Team

NEXT SUNDAY Nancy Ruppert's Team

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY Barbara Smith, Mary Williams, Angel Robinson

NEXT SUNDAY Shannon and Jeff Robinson and Lesa Speer

CALENDAR

TODAY

6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m..... **TEAM 3**

6:45 p.m..... Bible Study, Youth and Children's Activities

THURSDAY

5:30 p.m..... **Leave for concert, CBF Gathering**

SATURDAY **CHICKEN STEW ... Fund Raiser for Belize Mission Trip**

5:00 until...

PRAYER LIST

<i>Church family:</i> Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, Jack Boone, John & Alisa Beard, Karen Dailey, Barbara Lynthacum, Florence Cagle, Carolyn Brown, Paul Hussey, Dwayne Blake, Beverly Saunders			Mary James	Benny McBride	friend
<i>At Home:</i> Helen Greene, Irene Warner			Butch/Nancy Jenkins	Bob Moore	nephew
<i>Friends and Relatives of:</i> Molly/Wayne Abbott			Candy Loflin	Pam, Ken Morgan	niece, nephew
	Monnie Jenkins	friend	Harold Lynthacum	Jennifer Denning	Katie's friend
	Tony Lawson	friend	Jean Maness	Cristie Thomas	friend
	Toni Atcheson	sister	Sylvia McAlister	Beth Holt	friend
	Tammy Laprade	sister	Pat/Bob Morgan	Misty Morgan	friend.
Jane Covington	Faye Thomas	sister	Barbara Lynthacum	Jo Brooks	friend
	Pete Thomas	brother-in-law	Max/Jane Luquire	J.D. Thompson	nephew
	Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law	Barbara Lynthacum	Melissa Green	daughter
Ernest , Karen Dailey	Judy and Estella	daughters	Harold Lynthacum	Stephen Lynthacum	son
Mildred Grey	Ernestine Stevenson	friend	Jean Maness	Carol Luther	friend
Ray, Frances Hudson		daughter	Sylvia McAlister	Tammy Parker	friend
Paul/Thelma Hussey	Harold Johnson	brother	Pat/Bob Morgan	Jesse Wallace	friend
	Meryl Johnson	sister-in-law	Jeff Robinson	June Spears	friend
	Mildred Hunsucker	friend	Nancy Ruppert	Marie Spoon	sister
			Barbara Smith	Laura Wilson	friend
				Doris Hinson	friend
			<i>Service Personnel:</i> Devin Hurley, Mark Davis, Dylan McCaskill, Christian Rush, Seth Spivey, Garrett Wallace, Chris Stuart		

Our Love and Sympathy to...

Andy Speer at the death of his brother, Howard.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly budget needs ... \$2,518.07 Monthly budget needs \$10,911.66

Last week's offering \$3,751.00 February offering..... \$ 7,095.75

Year to date... **-\$8,295.91 under budget**