

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 18, 2018

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYERPastor 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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON... *Isaiah 53:1-6*.....Reggie Jackson

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

²For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces, he was despised, and we held him of no account. ⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

HYMN ... "What Wondrous Love Is This" ... vs. 1, 2 and 3 171

CHILDREN'S MESSAGEBrandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we open our hearts to you, trusting that your love and mercy is stronger than all of our shortcomings. We have been afraid to trust you, and

we have forgotten the assurance of your eternal presence. We have sacrificed our convictions, quieted our voices, given in to distractions, and looked out for ourselves above all else. We have considered giving up when the task before us seems too great. Forgive us and guide us by your Spirit into new life through the faithful following of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

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

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MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN ... "I Stand Amazed in the Presence" ... vs. 1 and 3 576

OFFERTORY PRAYERUsher

OFFERTORY ... "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" Choir

GOSPEL LESSON ... *John 19:1-16*..... Molly Abbott

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ²And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. ³They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. ⁴Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" ⁶When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." ⁷The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God." ⁸Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. ⁹He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" ¹¹Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." ¹²From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor." ¹³When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. ¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" ¹⁵They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." ¹⁶Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

ANTHEM ... "The Wonderful Cross" Choir

SERMON Pastor

CLOSING HYMN ... "Wherever He Leads I'll Go" ... vs. 1 and 4 491

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

USHERS

TODAY..... Nancy Ruppert's Team
NEXT SUNDAY Barbara Smith's Team

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY Shannon and Jeff Robinson and Lesa Speer
NEXT SUNDAY Chris and Barbie Blake and Laura Flach

CALENDAR

TODAY
 5:00 p.m..... Belize Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice
MONDAY
 7:00 p.m..... Deacons' Meeting
WEDNESDAY
 6:00 p.m..... **TEAM 4**
 6:45 p.m..... Bible Study, Youth and Children's Activities
SATURDAY
 10:00 a.m..... **EASTER EGG HUNT**
NEXT SUNDAY ... PALM SUNDAY ... Choir Cantata ... Come to the Cross and Remember

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, Ernest Dailey			Mary James	Benny McBride	friend
<i>At Home:</i> Helen Greene, Irene Warner			Butch/Nancy Jenkins Candy Loflin	Bob Moore	nephew
				Pam, Ken Morgan	niece, nephew
<i>Friends and Relatives of:</i> Molly/Wayne Abbott			Max/Jane Luquire Barbara Lynthacum	Jennifer Denning	Katie's friend
				Cristie Thomas	friend
Jane Covington			Jean Maness	Beth Holt	friend
				Misty Morgan	friend.
Ernest , Karen Dailey			Sylvia McAlister	Jo Brooks	friend
				Melissa Green	nephew
Mildred Grey			Pat/Bob Morgan	Carol Luther	daughter
				Jeff Robinson	friend
Ray, Frances Hudson			Nancy Ruppert	June Spears	friend
				Marie Spoon	sister
Paul/Thelma Hussey			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					

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly budget needs ... \$2,518.07	Monthly budget needs \$10,911.66
Last week's offering \$1,784.00	February offering..... \$ 7,095.75