SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD’S DAY

**11:00 a.m. FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT March 6, 2022**

*“Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with*

*weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing.” Joel 2:12-13*

 **CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**PRELUDE** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Wilbur Held

**INTROIT** O God, We Worship Thee Hal H. Hopson

 **\*CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF ADORATION**

 **\*HYMN**  No. 166 *Tune:* ST. FLAVIAN

 Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

 **CONFESSION OF SIN**

O Lord our God, long-suffering and full of compassion; be present with us now, as we come before you with our sorrows and sins, asking for your comfort and forgiveness. We thank you for this season of thought and prayer in which we recall our Savior’s suffering and triumph. Grant us the aid of your Spirit that we may acknowledge our sins, implore your pardon, discipline our desires, and be upheld in the hour of temptation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**KYRIE**  Greg Scheer

Have mercy. Have mercy Lord.

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**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

 **\*GLORIA**  No. 439

O my soul, bless your Redeemer; all within me bless God’s name;

bless the Savior, and forget not all God’s mercies to proclaim.

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

 (Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers at this time.)

**INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN**

 **ANTHEM**  How Great Thou Art *Tune:* HOW GREAT THOU ART

 Tessa Parker, Jason Salzer, Colby Longley

 **UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Almighty God, whom we know most surely in Jesus Christ, during this season of Lent, help us test our lives by the light of his life. Then, summon us to new and deeper commitments as your disciples; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

 **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**  Psalm 91:1-2. 9-16 Page 548

 **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Luke 4:1-13 Page 61

**SERMON** “Lead Us Not into Temptation” Dr. Williams

*“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.” Luke 4:1-2*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from The Heidelberg Catechism, 1563

Question: Why is he called Christ, that is, the Anointed One?

Answer: Because he is ordained by God the Father and anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, fully revealing to us the secret purpose and will of God concerning our redemption; to be our only High Priest, having redeemed us by the one sacrifice of his body and ever interceding for us with the Father; and to be our eternal King, governing us by his Word and Spirit, and defending and sustaining us in the redemption he has won for us.

Question: But why are you called a Christian?

Answer: Because through faith I share in Christ and thus in his anointing, so that I may confess his name, offer myself a living sacrifice of gratitude to him, and fight against sin and the devil with a free and good conscience throughout this life and hereafter rule with him in eternity over all creatures. Amen.

**THE PRAYERS**

 **\*HYMN** No. 783 *Tune:* SLANE

###### When We Are Tested

 stanza 1 – choir stanzas 2-4 - all

 **SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

#####  **Invitation and Institution**

#####  **Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

 Minister: The Lord be with you.

 People: And also with you.

 Minister: Lift up your hearts.

 People: We lift them to the Lord.

 Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

 People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

 **The Lord’s Prayer** (debts/debtors)

 **Communion of the People**

*Eat the bread individually, symbol of our personal communion with the Lord;*

*Drink the cup together, symbol of our shared communion with the Lord.*

 **Communion Hymn**

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, broken and shared, life for the world.

Let us be wine, love freely poured. Let us be one in the Lord.

The choir will sing first.

**Response**

 “The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your

going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.” Psalm 121:7-8

 **Prayer**

 **\*HYMN** No. 65 *Tune:* CWM RHONDDA

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE** AMEN Hal H. Hopson

**\*POSTLUDE**

 **\***Congregation please stand.

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR** marks the beginning of the Lord’s Day service. The prelude is a time for quiet preparation and private prayer as the congregation prepares to worship God.

**CROSS WITH CROWN OF THORNS** and purple paraments will be in the sanctuary throughout Lent to help remind us of Jesus’ sacrifice, orient us to the season of the church year, and help to engage the sense of sight in worship. Marilyn and Mark Borst provided the cross and the youth of First made the purple parament cloth emphasizing the season of penitence and preparation.

**GREETER:**  Charlotte Keenoy…**USHERS:** Terry Yon, head usher; Robert Bennett, Bill Keightley, Gay Mayfield, and Jim Baker ... **ACOLYTE:** Tommy Johnson…**EXTENDED SESSION TEACHERS:** Natalie Chase, Tessa Parker, Katherine Brooks, and Mary Margaret Brooks.