

First Sunday of Lent

February 14, 2016

Scriptural Meditation

'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' Romans 10

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of Our Church Bell

Welcome and Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Prelude *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* Dale Wood

Call to Worship

One: Jesus began his ministry to the world, led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

**All: As we begin our Lenten journey,
let us be led by the Spirit, even into the uncomfortable places.**

One: In those forty days, and in that place,
Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt and temptation.

**All: As we seek to follow Jesus,
we would be led, even into the uncomfortable choices.**

One: Jesus left the wilderness,
faithful and obedient to God, rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.

**All: As we continue on our path to faithfulness,
we will be led by our Christ, rejoicing in the Lord our God.**

Prayer of Invocation

* **Gathering Song** *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* #775

* Prayer of Reconciliation

Let us remain standing and express ourselves to God.

All: Lord, the temptations of the world loom large before us. We are enticed, cajoled, and "sweet-talked" into moving from lives of service to lives of self-centeredness. We confess that we are often enticed by these offers. Life isn't always easy. We do have struggles. Sometimes it is easy to succumb to the temptations of the culture of greed. We need your healing love. As you resisted the temptations in the wilderness, help us to place our trust in you, that we may be strong in our faith and confident in our service to you through serving others. Amen.

* **A Time for Contemplation** (a private time for you and God)

* Assurance of Forgiveness

One: God will provide for your needs. Place your trust in God.

All: We will trust in God.

One: You are not alone. God is with you always.

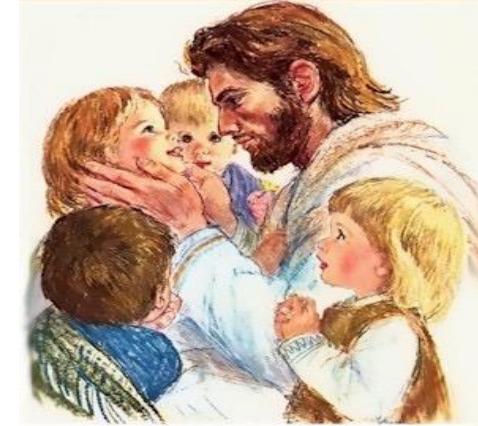
All: We will trust in God.

One: The world cannot offer to you such abiding riches as the presence of God. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

God's Word for Little Ears

Georganne Syler



Children's Choir

Directed by Sheri Mitchell, Brittany Moleski, Tayrin Sain and Elisa Williamson

Love Round

**Love, love, love, love
Christians this is your call:
To love your neighbor as yourself
'Cause God loves us all.**

Jesus Loves Me (Hymnal # 188)

**i. Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so,
Little ones to him belong, They are weak, but he is strong.**

**Chorus: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart

**1) I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy Down in my heart
Down in my heart, Down in my heart
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy Down in my heart
Down in my heart to stay.**

**Chorus: And I'm so happy So very happy
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart
And I'm so happy So very happy
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart**

**2) I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,
Down in my heart, Down in my heart, Down in my heart**

~Hearing God's Word~

Prayer for Understanding God's Word

All: Living God, help us to hear Your Holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking Your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (*A Psalm of Protection*)

One: Whoever dwells under the protection of the Most High,
lives in the shadow of the Almighty:

**All: "O Deep Mystery, you are my refuge and my stronghold;
the Holy One in whom I trust."**

One: If you make the Most High your dwelling place evil will not fall to you,

All: and no disaster will come near your tent.

One: For the messengers of the Most High will be with you,

All: to watch over you in all your ways

One: With their hands they will hold you up,

All: lest you strike your foot on a rock

One: You will tread on the lion and the cobra,

All: and trample the young lion and the serpent.

One: Truly, any person who loves me I will bring to safety,

All: and anyone who knows my name I will keep out of harm's way,

One: and anyone who will call on me I will answer,

**All: and be with in distress, and rescue,
and bring honor, and satisfy with a full life, and show my saving work.**

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Anthem

Even Here

by Mark Miller

Soloist: Kendall Staggs

1) At the land's dark roots, in the farthest deep,
where the daylight dims, where no one can reach,

Refrain: Can the hand of God, can the voice of love, find me even here?

2) I have turned away, I have set my fate
I have run too far, I repent too late. (Refrain)

3) O, to climb again where the eagle flies,
Where its nest is set in the sunlit skies! (Refrain)

4) O, forgive me, Lord, may I see your face,
May I die in peace with a song of praise,

Final Refrain: May the hand of God, may the voice of love, find me even here.

(Text by Laurie Zelman)

New Testament Epistle

Paul's Letter to the Romans 10:8b-13 page 160

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson

Luke 4:1-13

page 61

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

Journey Inward/Journey Forward

Pastor Kim Nelson

~Responding to God's Word~

***Affirmation of Faith**

Let us stand and affirm our faith.

**All: We believe in God above us, Maker and Sustainer of life,
Of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,**

**Born of a woman, a servant of the poor,
Tortured and nailed to a tree.**

A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.

He descended into the earth to the place of death.

On the third day he rose from the tomb.

He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,

And his kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us,

The Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,

Life-Giving breath of the Church,

Spirit of healing and forgiveness,

Source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.

[An Affirmation of Faith from Iona]

Invitation to Become a Joyful Giver

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & Friendship Pad

Please take a moment to sign your name and contact information in the pew pad.

Offertory

Wondrous Love (see Hymn # 215)

arr. David Johnson

***Doxology**

(Tune: *Amazing Grace*)

All: Praise God the Father, Praise His name

Praise Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

And praise the Spirit with them one

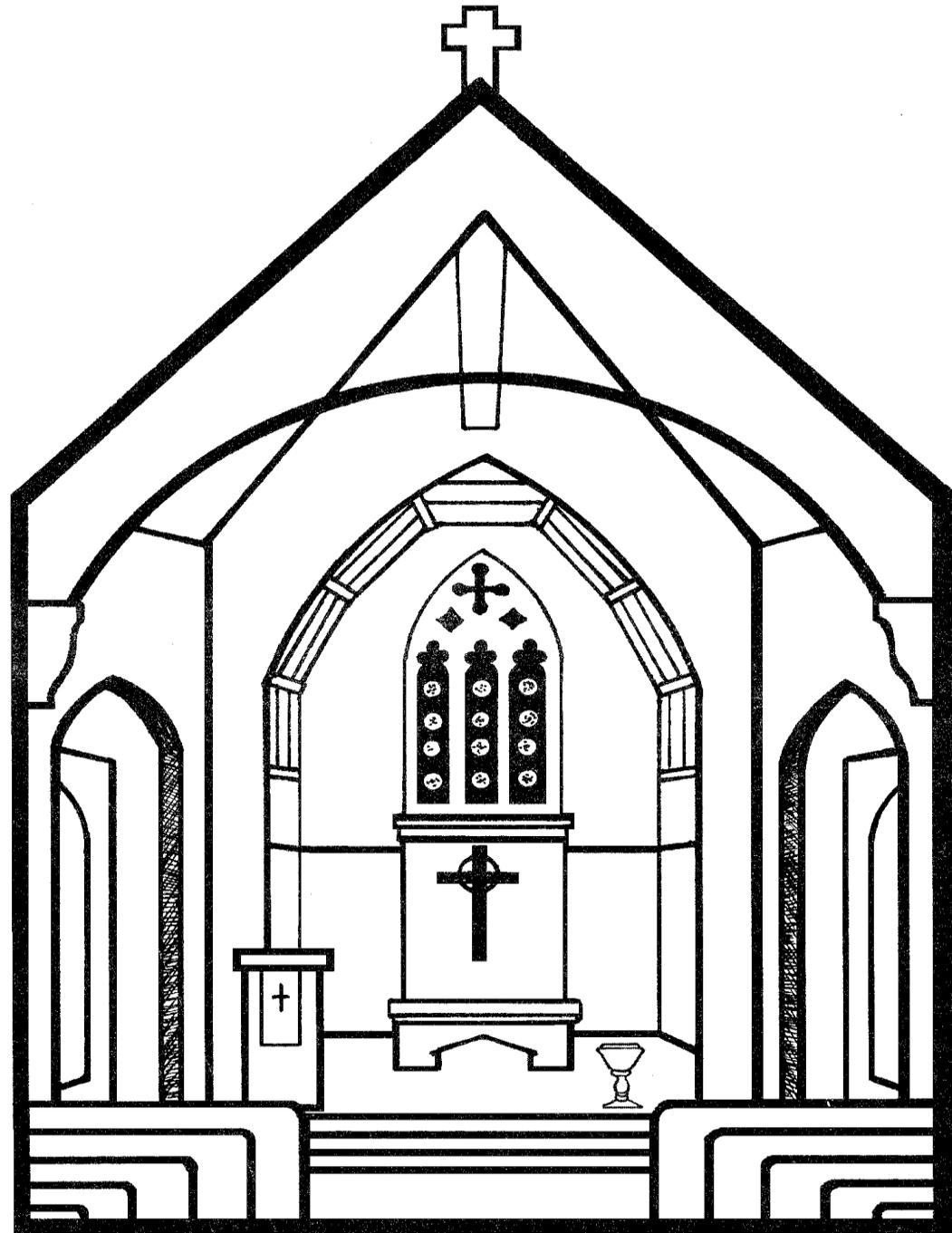
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Prayers of the People followed by The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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, forever. Amen.



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