

SUNDAY BULLETIN



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY MARCH 9, 2025 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

*This * means please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE & PROCESSION

"Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"

Walter L. Petz

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

MUSICAL CONTEMPLATION

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

Robert J. Powell

Please rise

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Where is our home?

People: Our home is in the shelter and shadow of God.

Leader: How can this be our refuge?

People: Because God's angels will guard your house and those in it from evil and threat.

Leader: How can we flourish?

People: Staying close to God's ways will bring our lives to abundance.

Leader: Let us worship God.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

***OPENING HYMN #45**

"I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes"

Please be seated

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: God of wide circles, we too often revert to our fear-filled instinct to cut off those unfamiliar and distant. May we evaluate others based on your heart. In Romans, you remind us when we lean into your kingdom agenda, our worldview is expanded to focus on our common humanity. May we embrace your created diversity and include all in our cherished life's work. Amen.

(moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Please Stand

***GLORIA PATRI** *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**

Leader: May the Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Greet one another with a sign of peace.

***PEACE RESPONSE HYMN #172 (no repeats) "Blest Are They"**

*"Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God!"*

Please be seated

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING (Old Testament)

Deuteronomy 26:1-22

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

Sanctuary Choir

Arr. by John Ferguson **Brooke Waters, Mezzo-Soprano**

Kasye Palmer, Flute

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING (Gospel)

Luke 4:1-13

SERMON

"The First Temptation of Christ"

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Please rise

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)**

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, Amen.

Please be seated

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dr. Adkins: As we arrive at this season of penitence, we do not forget Easter. As we name our fears, our shortcomings, and the world's brokenness, we remember that you have already won the victory over sin and death.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Dr. Adkins: We enter the mindfulness exercise of Lent to remember our charge to care for a challenged world. As Easter people, we do this with the confidence in the outcome of our cares and our work as your people. May we continue to be mindful of instability around the world in these days of rising turmoil and division. We remember Eastern Europe, Germany, France and the United States as well as Venezuela, Hungary and India. Strengthen all leaders in our world to act with integrity, to resist corruption and to uphold the principles of democracy.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Dr. Adkins: May those in power lead with humility, always seeking the welfare of the people they serve. We remember those who suffer due to exploitation and abuse, especially the communities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Provide them with protection and justice. Stir our hearts to advocate for their rights and to work towards a world where all are treated with dignity. We pray for those who live with instability, especially our siblings in Mozambique, Syria, Somalia and Israel/Palestine.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Dr. Adkins: We pray for President Trump, the United States Congress, and the U.S. Supreme Court, for their individual lives and families. Grant them wisdom to use their resources and power for the common good, to uplift the marginalized and to promote justice and equity. May they resist the temptation to seek power for its own sake and instead serve as stewards of your blessings.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Dr. Adkins: We pray for our Church, and all churches who work and serve to bring about your Kingdom, and for ourselves, that our walk through Lent might bring us closer to the One who taught us to pray:

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.

Please stand

***CLOSING HYMN #166** “ *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*”

***CHARGE**

***BLESSING**

***SEVEN-FOLD AMEN**

***POSTLUDE**

“Lift High the Cross”

Robert J. Powell

Participants in worship:

Guest Pastor – Rev. Dr. Julie Adkins

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Guest Organist – Phyllis Beck

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