

*From ashes to the living fount,
the church journeys still.*

March 1, 2020 - Lent 1

Worship 9:30am

Sunday School 10:50am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Carol Buller, organist

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Jan Buerge, worship leader

(Based on Psalm 32)**

L: Patient and Forgiving God, we come together to worship and praise you.

C: We know we have all been short-sighted about our need for forgiveness.

L: Restoring and Renewing God,
we come to worship God and to confess our sin.

**C: We know we have been rebellious,
and filled with pride over our self-sufficiency!**

L: Gracious and Generous God, we come to rejoice and celebrate your mercy.

**C: Through God's mercy and grace,
we know we are forgiven and we give thanks!**

**With God's help, we can now start again with each other, and with God.
Amen.**

*HYMN #59 SS

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WE LISTEN AND LEARN

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

Terri Gaeddert

SERMON

On becoming more or less human
Matthew 4:1-11 (see next page)

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.

ANTHEM

Agnus Dei

arr. Kean

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

COMMUNION

Please come forward by the center aisle, take the bread and dip it in the cup of juice. Return by the side aisle. To receive a blessing in lieu of partaking in the bread and cup, please present yourself with hands folded. Gluten free crackers and grapes are also available.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #1

What is this place

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Slips of paper are available in the pew racks for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

Sarabande from suite 3 in C major
Andy Toews, trombone

J.S. Bach

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS INTROS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you did not submit a written announcement, or if something new needs highlighting, please hand your written announcement to the worship leader or pastor before the worship service.



Children in K-5grades are dismissed for WorshipArts (Rainbow Room), a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions, and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

*HYMN #433

Go, my children

*SENDING FORTH PRAYER

Please remain standing for the postlude.

*POSTLUDE

* Please stand in body or in spirit.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Songs designated "SS" are in the purple *Sing the Story* hymnal.

As we sing, please use language that makes worship most meaningful, enriching and inclusive.

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ADULT EDUCATION CLASS OPTIONS ~ Starting today!

American Dirt, a novel by Jeanine Cummings

Facilitator: Dale Graham..... Wesley Room

Learning from the Germans: Race and the Memory of Evil, by Susan Neiman

Facilitators: David Bluford and Clif Hostetler..... Room 111

Making Images and Words

Facilitator: Jesse Graber.....Library

Practice of Prayer

Facilitator: Pastor Ruth..... Sunflower Room

Now **Here** God

Here is a place for worship reflections. What are you sensing about God in the here and now?
What words, images or questions do you want to take with you into this new week?

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