

# First Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2022, 9:00 am

You are invited to speak the words in **bold**. + Please stand as you are able.

## Musicians

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### Prelude

*Butterfly Lovers' Concerto: I Adagio cantabile*

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### Welcome

with Pastor Hannah

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### + Call to Worship

with Pastor Hannah

Jesus went to the mountaintop to pray.

**Jesus went into the city to heal.**

Jesus walked to Samaria to extend love.

**Jesus went to the water's edge to teach.**

Jesus went to places of peace and connection,

**but Jesus also went to the wilderness.**

There is nowhere we can go  
that God does not walk with us.

**We are in God's house.**

**Let us worship Holy God.**

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### + Opening Hymn

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

United Methodist Hymnal #110

verses 1, 2 & 4

#### Verse 1

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

#### Verse 2

Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
were not the right man on our side,  
the man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.

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## Verse 4

That word above all earthly powers,  
no thanks to them, abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still;  
his kingdom is forever.

## Prayer of Confession

with Pastor Jeremiah

*Holy God, when we think that  
expansive life is about power—*

*Teach us a new way.*

*Gracious Creator, when we think that  
expansive life is about material wealth—*

*Teach us a new way.*

*Gracious Author, when we think that  
expansive life is about control—*

*Teach us a new way.*

*Teach us to live as you live.*

*Teach us to love as you love.*

*Forgive us when we don't.*

*Gratefully we pray, Amen.*

## Song

*Jesus Loves Me*

United Methodist Hymnal #191

## Verse 1

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

## Time for Young Disciples

with Beth Hagemeyer

## Psalter

*Psalms 91*

United Methodist Hymnal pg. 810

## Sung Response

*Grant us salvation, Lord; in trouble be our refuge.*

## Verse 1

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,  
will say to the Lord,  
*“My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.”*  
For the Lord will deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
and from the deadly pestilence

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and will cover you with his pinions;  
*under the Lord's wings you will find refuge.*  
*God's faithfulness is a shield and buckler.*

## Sung Response

### Verse 2

You will not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day,  
*nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,*  
*nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.*

A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your right hand,  
but it will not come near you.

*You will only look with your eyes*  
*and see the recompense of the wicked.*

Because you have made the Lord your refuge,  
the Most High your habitation,  
*no evil shall befall you,*  
*no scourge come near your tent.*

## Sung Response

### Verse 3

For God will give his angels charge over you  
to guard you in all your ways.  
*They will bear you up on their hands*

*lest you dash your foot against a stone.*  
*You will tread on the lion and the adder,*  
*the young lion and the serpent*  
*you will trample under foot.*

Because they cleave to me in love, I will deliver them;  
*I will protect them, because they know my name.*

When they call to me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble,  
I will rescue them and honor them.  
*I will satisfy them with long life*  
*and show them my salvation.*

## Sung Response

### Scripture

*Luke 4: 1-13*

with Ollie Taylor

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<sup>1</sup> Jesus returned from the Jordan filled with the holy spirit, and she led him into the desert <sup>2</sup> for forty days, where he was tempted by the Devil. Jesus ate nothing during that time, at the end of which he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to Jesus, "If you are God's Own, command this stone to turn into bread." <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, "Scripture has it, 'we don't live on bread alone.'" <sup>5</sup> Then the Devil took Jesus up higher and showed him all the nations of the world

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in a single instant. <sup>6</sup> The devil said, " I'll give you all the power and the glory of these nations; the power has been given to me and I can give it to whomever I wish. <sup>7</sup> Prostrate yourself in homage before me, and it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup> In reply, Jesus said, " Scripture has it: 'You will worship the most high God; God alone will you adore.' " <sup>9</sup> Then the Devil led Jesus to Jerusalem, set him up on the parapet of the Temple and said, "If you are God's Own, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for scripture has it, 'God will tell the angels to take care of you; <sup>11</sup> with their hands they'll support you, that you may never stumble on a stone.' " <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to the Devil in reply, "It also says, 'Do not put God to the test.' " <sup>13</sup> When the Devil had finished all this tempting, Jesus was left alone. The devil awaited another opportunity.

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## Response to Scripture

The Word of God for the people of God.

***Thanks be to God!***

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## Hymn of Preparation

*Loving Spirit*

The Faith We Sing #2123

### Verse 1

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,  
you have chosen me to be—  
you have drawn me to your wonder,  
you have set your sign on me.

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## Sermon Preparation

May the words of my mouth,  
***and the meditation of our hearts  
be acceptable to your Spirit,  
our Rock and our Redeemer.***

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## Sermon

*Even in the Desert*

with Pastor Hannah

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## Affirmation of Faith

with Pastor Hannah

We believe God is love.

***We believe God's love is overflowing.***

We believe Jesus is a river.

***We believe that river is running toward us.***

We believe the Holy Spirit is a vessel.

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***We believe that vessel holds  
mercy for you and for me.***

We believe the wilderness is real.

***We believe the desert is lonely.***

We believe that Jesus has been there.

***We know that we do not walk alone.***

Even in the desert,  
***we are loved.***

Even in the desert,  
***God is with us.***

Even in the desert,  
***this love overflows.***

Thanks be to God,  
***Amen.***

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## Hymn of Response

*A Place at the Table*

Worship & Song #3149

verse 1 & 5

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### Verse 1

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead.

## Refrain

And God will delight  
when we are creators of justice and joy,  
yes, God will delight  
when we are creators of justice,  
justice and joy!

## Verse 5

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free.

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## Refrain

## Holy Communion

with Pastor Hannah & Pastor Jeremiah

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## Communion Music

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## The Lord's Prayer

with Pastor Jeremiah

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*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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. 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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## Offering Invitation

with Pastor Jeremiah

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## Offertory

*Butterfly Lovers' Concerto: III Adagio assai doloroso*

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## + Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

United Methodist Hymnal #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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## Prayer of Dedication

with Pastor Jeremiah

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## Announcements

with Pastor Hannah

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## + Hymn of Sending Forth

*God Will Take Care of You*

United Methodist Hymnal #130

verses 1 & 4

### Verse 1

Be not dismayed whate'er betide,  
God will take care of you;  
beneath his wings of love abide,  
God will take care of you.

### Refrain

God will take care of you,  
through every day, o'er all the way;  
he will take care of you,  
God will take care of you.

### Verse 4

No matter what may be the test,  
God will take care of you;  
lean, weary one, upon his breast,  
God will take care of you.

### Refrain

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## **Benediction**

with Pastor Hannah

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## **Postlude**

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