

February 26, 9:00 am
First Sunday of Lent

We Gather Together

Prelude “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” *arr. Richard Warner*

*(Welcome to our Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom or watching several days from now, we are glad you are here. We extend a special welcome to our visitors. Please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. **Masking (N-95 preferred) and social distancing are not required but are respected and encouraged. Please consider your own health and the health of those around you.**)*

Welcome & Announcements

Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship**

Jim Dassow, Liturgist

On this first Sunday of Lent, we get serious about our human predicament. **We face up to the fact that humanity is a sorely tempted and gravely corrupted species of life, and that any evil which is not honestly confronted and dealt with, will do anything to exclude God from its sphere of influence.**

We also acknowledge One young man from Nazareth, who fought temptation and the source of evil without compromise, and by his efforts opened up an avenue of liberation for humankind.

The rescuing, healing, love of Christ Jesus be with you all.

And also with you.

***Prayer**

Most holy God, most faithful companion, look with compassion upon each member of this congregation as we come before you.

Override our ignorance, undercut our arrogance, scatter our indifference, and infiltrate all thoughts and feelings with your own Spirit. Please set us free from anything that might demean or diffuse this hour of worship.

Empower us to put down our roots into the immovable, fertile ground of your eternal goodness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen!

***Hymn PH 77 “Forty Days and Forty Nights”** *Carol Wetzel, Cantor*

***Call to Confession**

When we stay silent, when we do not acknowledge what we need to change, we waste away. Our guilt turns into shame that eats at us like poison. God calls us to repent and be healed; let us turn to God.

***Confession**

Merciful One, we are so easily tempted.

We turn away from your word so quickly. We seek anything that claims to save us from discomfort, inconvenience, pain, fear, and emptiness.

But these are false idols, dissolving in the wind.

You are our true hope and salvation, our hiding place, our guide, our guardian. We confess our transgressions to you: forgive our sins.

Silent Confession

(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)

***Assurance of Pardon**

My beloved siblings in Christ, it is written: “While we were still sinners, Christ Jesus died for us.”

**Most happy are they whose transgression is forgiven;
whose sins are covered by God.**

**Be glad, all you recipients of grace,
rejoice, all you whose hearts are fully open!**

Rejoice in the Good News of God. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Responding to God's grace**

As forgiven people of God, let us cling to the truth we have learned and believe.

Q – What is our true purpose and goal in life?

A – Our true purpose and goal in life is to glorify God and enjoy a right relationship with God forever.

Q – What is God?

A – God is Spirit, infinite, eternal and unchangeable in wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

Q – Is there more than one God?

A – There is but one God, the living and true God.

Thanks be to God, Amen.

(Adapted from The Shorter Catechism, 1649, questions 1, 4, 5.)

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

New Testament Lesson Matthew 4:1-11

Hymn PH 333 Seek Ye First – 2xs *(Remain Seated)*

Children's Time

Sermon

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned 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.**

Minute for Mission - OGHS

*Mike Petersen
One Great Hour of Sharing*

Offering “On Eagle’s Wings”

arr. John Carter

***Offertory PH 592 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

***Offertory Prayer**

***Hymn GTG 226 “There in God’s Garden” (vs 1, 2, 4, 6)**

Charge and Benediction

***Closing Refrain GTG 542 “God Be with you Till We Meet Again”**
vs. 1

Postlude “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God” *arr. by Fred Bock*

(Lent is many things, but chief among them is Lent is a time for prayer. We invite you to stop at the table in the narthex to light a candle and offer a prayer to God – for those who live in darkness of Spirit, for the eternal light of God’s love, and for your witness during these forty days.)

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This Week at Church

Sunday 9:00-10:00am	02.26 First Sunday in Lent Worship Pastor Ken will lead us in worship. Sanctuary & Zoom
10:15am	Fellowship Time
10:15-11:30am	Growing Connections – “Singing the Psalms”
11:30am	Lenten Lunch – Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:30pm	Boy Scout Troop 702 Meeting
Monday 10:00-11:00am	02.27 Staff Meeting
Wednesday 8:00-9:00am	03.01 Men’s Breakfast
10:15-11:00am	Lenten Book Study
4:30-5:30pm	Hand Bell Practice
7:00-8:00pm	Confirmation
Thursday 1:00-2:00pm	03.02 Serving Team
2:00-3:00pm	Personnel Team
Saturday 9:00-12:00pm	03.04 Table Tennis
Sunday 9:00-10:00am	03.05 Second Sunday in Lent Worship Pastor Ken will lead us in worship. Sanctuary & Zoom
10:15	Fellowship Time
10:15-11:15am	Growing Connections – Lenten Book Study (Hybrid)
11:30am	Lenten Lunch – Fellowship Hall
11:30-12:30pm	PYA
6:00-7:30pm	Boy Scouts Troop 702 Committee Meeting

Looking Ahead

Feed My Starving Children	April 1
Palm Sunday	April 2
Easter Sunday	April 9
Train Show	April 15-16

PRAYERS

Brian C.	Liam A.
Gary G.	Jerry and Mary H.
Pat D.	Chastity G. and Joan S.
Gib D.	Jolene S. – Sister and her husband
Arnold L.	Lynn K. *
Pauline W.	Carol W. ***
Jesse F.	Mike Frize
Kay M.**	Sheryl Brown
Silas W.	Wendy Johnson

*Lynn is battling 2 different cancers. She is an RN & grandmother of 3 and would appreciate all prayers. Lynn is a friend of Laurie Christie.

**Kay was able to go home! She appreciates our continued prayers and cards. (She is not ready to have visitors, yet.)

*** Carol would appreciate prayers as she continues her journey for breast cancer treatment.

E-Giving

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Please take a moment to thank those who help make our service run smoothly. Because of them, we are able to worship God well.

Weekly Statistics

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>WEEKLY INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
FEBRUARY 19,2023	89	\$5,193.00	OFFERINGS/TITHES
FEBRUARY 19,2023		\$0.00	RAISE THE ROOF CAMPAIGN
02/13--02/17/23		\$2,839.00	VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS
02/13--02/17/23		\$0.00	VANCO-ONLINE ROOF OFFERINGS
		\$8,032.00	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK
		\$48,451.97	TOTAL IN THE "RAISE THE ROOF" CAMPAIGN FUND
2/19/2023	07 Households		ATTENDANCE FOR THE LIVE STREAMING SERVICE 02/19/2023