

Bulletin Information  
**March 6, 2022**  
1st Sunday in Lent

**We Gather to Worship God**

Prelude

Lighting the Candles and Ringing the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship:

One: Come to the Lord with openness.

**All: seeking God's presence whatever it brings.**

One: Bring doubt, bring belief.

**All: Seek the Lord and live.**

Morning Prayer

\*Hymn *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* PH-81

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith...**

*(Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)*

**...in Jesus Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Words of Peace

\*Congregational Response *Glory Be to the Father* PH #579

**We Listen For God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Lesson Romans 10:8b-13

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Psalm & Psalm Prayer Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

One: You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty –

**All: you will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust."**

One: Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,  
**All: no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**  
 One: For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.  
**All: Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.**  
 One: You will tread upon the lion cub and the viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.  
**All: I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.**  
 One: They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.  
**All: With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**  
 One: Into your hands we commend ourselves O God, our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Give our holy angels charge over us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson

Numbers 21:4-9

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson

John 3:1-21

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Being Nicodemus (Like)*

**We Respond to God's Word**

\*Hymn

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

PH-85

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right...

Words of Institution

We Share the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

Cross Reflection

Invitation to the Offering

In plenty or in want, all that we have is a gift from God.

In faith and gratitude, we return now a portion of what we have so abundantly received, as grateful heirs of the promises of God.

Offering

\*Congregational Response

*Doxology*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten, of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate in the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**We Leave to Serve God**

\*Hymn

*I Danced in the Morning*

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\*Charge and Benediction

\*Congregational Response

*Song of Hope*

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Postlude

Sermon Text for next Sunday: John 4:1-42