



*The order of service is subject to change at the leading of the Holy Spirit.

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*Means you are **invited to stand** if able and comfortable.

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WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude Harlan Otter

Words to ponder

The one who led the Israelites into a land flowing with milk and honey, the one who ministered to Jesus in the wilderness, cares for us today in times of trial.

Welcome and Announcements Charles Samson

Missions Moment Steve Kolitz

Introit "Morning Has Broken" Bell Choir

***Call to Worship** Kitty Muro

When disasters strike, where can we go?

God is always there.

When enemies surround us, whom can we trust?

Christ is always with us.

When life is hard, who can ease the load?

The Spirit is always there to sustain us.

Come! Let us worship the God of our salvation.

***Opening Prayer**
Faithful One, the promises you made to our ancestors continue even to this day. We too share the bounty of your blessings, dwelling in a land flowing with milk and honey. Burn the truth of Paul's words into our very souls: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** "Hope of the World" (v 1,2,5) #178

***Passing of the Peace of Christ** Charles Samson

Children's Message Charles Samson

WE HEAR THE WORD

Prayer of Confession Kitty Muro

Your ways, Merciful One, always lead to life. When our faith falters, and when we forget the promises you have made, remind us of your steadfast love. When our strength fails us in the wilderness of life, and when temptations threaten to lead us astray, remind us of Christ's faithfulness. When our world seems imperiled by forces beyond our control, remind us that you are our refuge and strength. In Christ's name, we pray for your presence, as we journey this Lenten journey with him all the way to the cross. Amen.

Words of Assurance Charles Samson

Hymn of Response "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" #2112

Scripture Reading Romans 10:8b-13 Kitty Muro

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); **9** because^[a] if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. **11** The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." **12** For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. **13** For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

(Musical interlude)

***Gospel Reading** Luke 4:1-13 Kitty Muro

The Temptation of Jesus

4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵Then the devil^[a] led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil^[b] said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

⁹Then the devil^[c] took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'

¹¹and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Musical Interlude "Spirit of the Living God" Singing Choir

Reflecting on God's Message Charles Samson

Prayers of the People

Offertory anthem "Because He Lives" Singing Choir
(by Bill and Gloria Gaither)

Invitation of the Offering musical selection by Harlan Otter

***Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly Host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen

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Offering Prayer

Charles Samson

Mighty God, you saved your people with terrifying displays of power, and with signs and wonders. When your people were slaves in Egypt, you rescued them with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. In your never-failing faithfulness, you lead your beloved children into a land flowing with milk and honey. We come to you today, thankful for your manifold blessings. Receive these offerings as the first fruits of your bounty in our lives. Send our gifts into a world that is hungry to know your refuge and your strength. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***Sending Hymn**

“Praise God for This Holy Ground” (v,1.2.5)

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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.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Do not let us fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Benediction

As you leave this place, abide in the shadow of the Most High.

God is our refuge and our strength.

As you wander through the wilderness, put your trust in the Holy One.

Christ is our shelter in times of temptation and fear.

As you face times of trial, call on the name of the Lord and be saved.

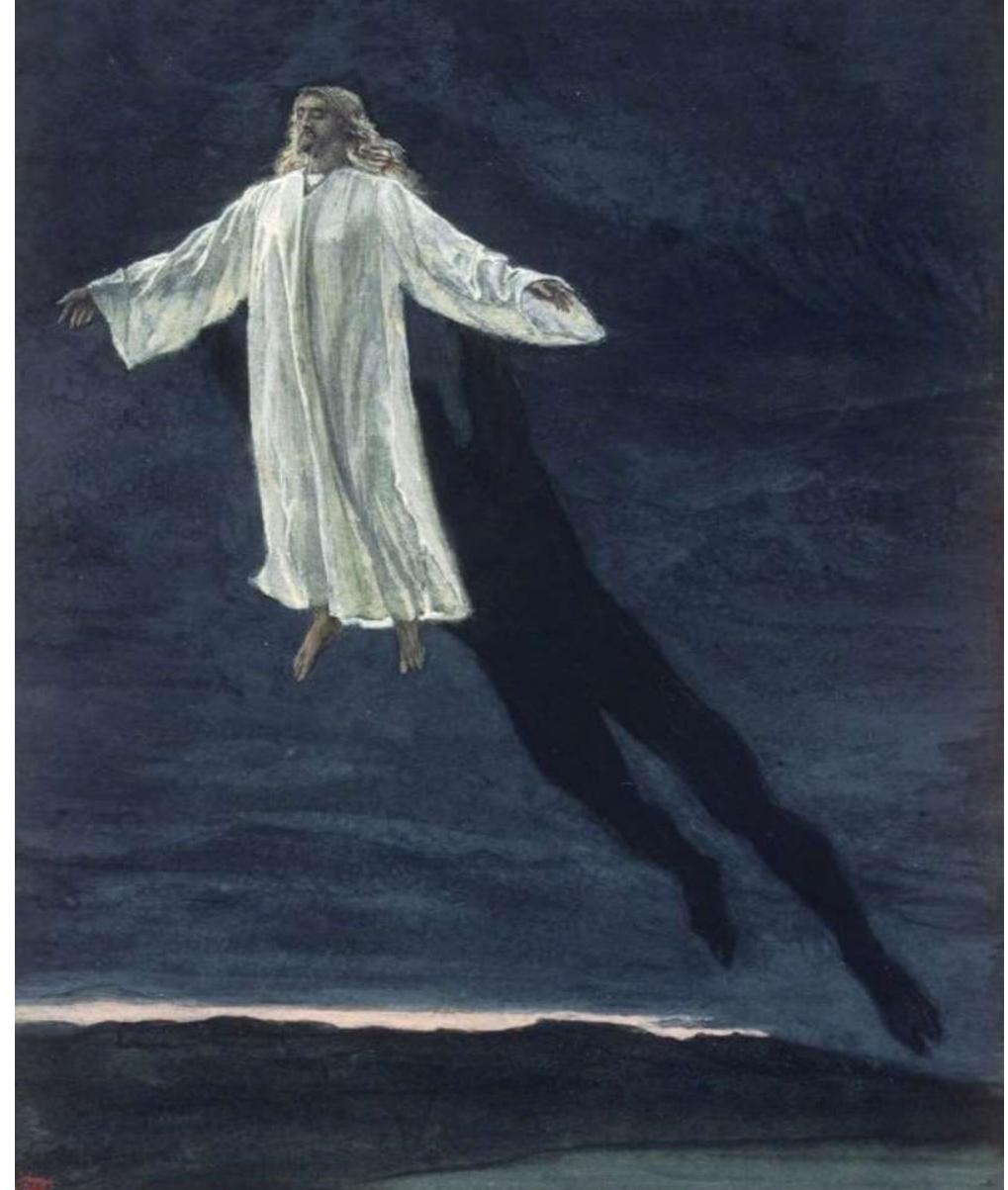
The Comforter leads us safely through. Go with God’s blessing.

Postlude

Harlan Otter

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*Tissot, James, 1836-1902. Jesus Transported by a Spirit onto a High Mountain

First Sunday in Lent | 3.6.2022 | 9:30am

*You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song,
and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ.*

*Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here!
Whatever your gender identity, age, race, religious background, economic status,
sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.*