

February 18, 2024

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: The voice of God proclaims of Jesus, "You are my beloved, and I love you."

People: We, too, are God's beloved children, loved and embraced.

Leader: With all the voices reminding us that we are not enough or don't belong, it is tempting to forget our place in God's Kingdom.

People: With the waters of baptism and the voice of God's promises, we can face the temptations of any wilderness or desert that would draw us away from the Source of our hope.

Leader: Embrace your belovedness.

People: We rejoice in God's unending love for us!

*Hymn #49: "Ask Me What Great Thing I Know"

*Passing the Peace

*Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Words of Grace

This is the good News – God is eager to forgive our sins and rejoices each time we try again. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Scripture:

Mark 1:9-15

Terry Henderson

Anthem: Lenten Sanctus by Susan Naus Dengler and Lee Dengler

Time With Young Disciples

***Unison Prayer**

Gracious God, you call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship. Help us to understand and accept the costs of following Christ, that we may know the joy you intend for the faithful. Make us lifelong learners in the school of faithfulness. Amen.

Sermon: "Time Out"

***Hymn #205:** "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

The Community at Prayer (*Joys and Concerns, Prayers for the People, Lord's Prayer*)

If you are watching online, type any prayer requests in the chat by the end of the sermon and we can voice them and get the names on the prayer list.

Prayer Response

Invitation to the Offering

(Opportunities to give for the ministries of this church are available through an offering plate during service, by mailing your gift to the church office, or by signing up for electronic giving through our website.)

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Abundant God, receive these gifts of love from your servants and use them for the breaking in of your Realm of love and light. In the name of Jesus, whose way calls us forth in service, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn #99:** (verses 1-4) "Abide With Me"

*Commissioning and Blessing

*Choral Response

*Postlude

Temptation: Service Prayers for the First Sunday in Lent Year B was written by The Rev. Dr. Chad Abbot, Conference Minister in the Indiana-Kentucky Conference.