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The Three Temptations, William Blake (1757 - 1827)

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Welcome to Firelands Church, a community of believers gathered by the Holy Spirit, growing together in Christ, and committed to serving God. Everyone is encouraged to stay for fellowship following the worship service.

The Order Of The Liturgy

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Prelude

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Lemmel/Bober

I Surrender All/Depth of Mercy

Vogt

*Call to Worship Psalm - Psalm 67: 1,2 (*responsively*)

1 May God be gracious to us and bless us and make

God's face to shine upon us,

2 that God's way may be known upon the earth,

God's saving power among all nations.

*Invocation (*together*)

God, source of all light, by your Word, you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that our hearts and minds may be opened to know your truth and your way. Amen.

*Hymn 166

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Call to Confession

We turn to God in prayer not because we are compelled but because God invites us.

We come to God not because of our righteousness but because of God's grace. In that spirit, we offer this Prayer of Confession, and unburdening.

Prayer of Confession (*together*)

Lord God, we bow our heads before You in humble confession of the wrongs we have done, as well as the acts of love and mercy we have not done. We

have bent the truth to serve our own purposes. We have been slow to apologize and swift to condemn. We have refused to make allowances for others while demanding others make allowances for us. We have coveted things we do not need. We have spoken more than we have listened, getting carried away by our self-importance. We have been slow to serve, but quick to demand service of others. We arrogantly imagine we can manage the lives of other people when we have not yet learned to manage our own with righteousness. For Jesus' sake, forgive us these sins, as well as those particular wrongs we name in silence [pause for self-examination]. During this Lenten season, help us follow him in all our thoughts, words and deeds. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon - May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

Hymn #581 *Glory to God (together)*
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Prayer of Illumination *(together)*
God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. In the midst of the many words in our daily lives, speak your eternal Word to us, that we may respond to your gracious promises with faithfulness, service and love. Amen.

First Lesson: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Second Lesson: Matthew 4:1-11

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: Food, Fortune and Fame Are Not Enough

*Affirmation of Faith: **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn 49 *The God of Abraham Praise (vs 1,2,4)*

Offering Our Gifts and Giving Thanks

*Doxology - Hymn 708 *(vs 1, together)*

***We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.***

Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer *(together)*

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Communion Invitation

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give
our thanks and praise.**

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. In Jesus, born of Mary, your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. He lived as one of us, knowing joy and sorrow. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, opened blind eyes, broke bread with outcasts and sinners, and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and needy. Dying on the cross, he gave himself for the life of the world. Rising from the grave, he won for us victory over death. Seated at your right hand, he leads us to eternal life. We praise you that Christ now reigns with you in glory, and will come again to make all things new. With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service. Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that he leads us to eternal life. We praise you that Christ now reigns with you in glory, and will come again to make all things new.

The Words of the Institution of the Lord's Supper

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

Communion Meditation *Faith* Brickman

Prayer after Communion.

*Hymn 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! (vs 1,2,3)*

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response (*together*) *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Strathdee

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious, gracious. Shalom. Shalom. Shalom.

*Postlude *Hymn to Peace* Paxton

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This Week at Firelands

Today 2/22 1st Sunday in Lent	9:30 am ADULT Sunday School 10:30 Worship followed by Fellowship. Assisting in Worship are Susan Rogers (reader), and Dave and Janet Gray-Moore (Communion servers) 3:30 pm - "Duo Fuerza, Piano Four Hands" (MAS) *
Monday	10:00am - 1:00pm Sewing Group 5:00pm - 6:30pm Fresh Bread
Tuesday	Trumpet Articles Due 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Hours
Wednesday	10:00am - 2:00pm Office Hours 10:30pm - 11:30pm Lenten Study: The Psalms
Thursday	10:00am - 2:00pm Office Hours Cleaning Service 2:00pm The Chosen - study & fellowship
Next Sunday 3/1 2nd Sunday in Lent	9:30 AM ADULT Sunday School 10:30 Worship followed by Fellowship. Scheduled to assist in worship are Karen Dietz (reader), and Deb and Tim Flora (Communion servers)

* A reminder: this afternoon at 3:30pm, the Musical Arts Series (MAS) presents "Duo Fuerza, Piano Four Hands", which is the Jay Mann Memorial Concert. Dr. Jay Mann taught music at Heidelberg University, was Music Director at Firelands Presbyterian Church, a founding member (with Fred Haney and Rev. Bob Butcher) and past President of MAS. Jay and his wife of many years, Margaret, were college classmates of Bob Butcher. Gifts in memory of Jay should be made out to MAS.

Prayer Concerns

Rob & Cindy Constien, Garrett Holcomb, Bill & Pat Sharp, Former Pastor Bobbi Bella & Wes, Former Pastor Mark & Jill Cooper, Gene Bailey, Karla Hoffman, Betty & Jim Layton's nephew, Flona & Eric Pott, Karen Dietz, Mason Fenton & Anne Trombatore, Linda Holcomb's sisters, Lois & Carol.



Jesus and the Tempter
 Juan, de Flandes (approximately 1465-1519)