A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
The First Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING... The Prelude

Prelude on "Restoration"
arr. Tom Birchwood

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Hymn 757

The Prayer of Praise

*The Hymn 165

The Glory of These Forty Days
The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise; for Christ, by whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting Moses saw the loving God who gave the law;
and to Elijah, fasting, came the steeds of chariots of flame.

So Daniel trained his mystic sight, delivered from the lions’ might;
and John, the Bridegroom’s friend, became the herald of Messiah’s name.

Then grant that we like them be true, consumed with fast and prayer with you;
our spirits strengthen with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

*The Prayer of Confession

Lord God, You know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. You know our needs, and you know our sin. We confess that we have disobeyed Your Word, denying Your sovereignty and relying on ourselves. Have mercy on us, we pray and feed us with the bread of life. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Happy are those whose sin is forgiven!

Be glad in the Lord and shout for joy; in Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*The Gloria Patri

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

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you!

(The please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ. For those worshiping at home, please share Christ’s peace with someone outside your home this week.)

A Moment for Congregational Survey

Tom Wimberly and Heather Eland

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD...
The Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Psalter Lesson: Psalm 32

The Anthem

Nearer, My God, to Thee
Tina Christie, bass flute

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee, E’ven though it be a cross that raiseth me.
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God to Thee, Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee.
Oh, let the way appear, leading to heaven, All that Thou sendest me, in mercy given.
Thy Spirit beckons me, nearer, my God to Thee, Nearer my God to Thee, Nearer to Thee.
There in my Father’s home, safe and at rest, There in my Savior’s love, perfectly blest.
Age after age to be nearer, my God to Thee! Nearer, my God to Thee, Nearer to Thee.

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 417

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin.
From earthborn passions set me free, and make me pure within.
Lord Jesus, think on me, amid the battle’s strife.
In all my pain and misery be thou my health and life.
Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray.
Through darkness and perplexity point thou the heavenly way.
Lord Jesus, think on me, that, when this life is past,
I may the eternal brightness see, and share thy joy at last.

The Epistle Lesson: Romans 5:12-19

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4:1-11

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Keep Your Boots Dusty!
Meghann Cotter

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD...

*The Nicene Creed

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 of 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 at 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.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer

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...
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, 	hy 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Communion
The Prayer After Communion
Tithes and Offerings Presented
The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
   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

GOING FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD'S NAME. . .

* The Hymn 509
   All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly
   All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
   Come from wilderness and wandering. Here in truth we will be fed.
   You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
   Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

   All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
   Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
   We that once were lost and scattered in communion’s love have stood.
   Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

   All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
   Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
   Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
   Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

*The Charge & Benediction

The Postlude
   Allegro, from Sonata in F
   Tina Christie, flute
   G. F. Handel
   Please be seated in personal reflection until the Postlude ends.

The flowers are given today by Meg and Dave Bohmke in memory of their wonderful parents, Skip and Phyllis Gardner and Warren and Betty Bohmke.

Today’s Worship Leaders:
   Preacher: Meghann Cotter
   Liturgists: Bryan Eland, Kim Clayton
   Choir Masters: Mary Ann and Larry Casey
   Organist: Amy Shirk

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