THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, March 9, 2025

The First Sunday of Lent

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE Lenten Meditation G. Winston Cassier

INTROIT You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord (Psalm 91) ON EAGLE'S WINGS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 91:1-12)

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, **People:** You who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

Leader: You will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress;

People: My God, in whom I trust."

Leader: For God will command the angels concerning us,

People: To guard us in all our ways.

Leader: On their hands they will bear us up,

People: So that we will not dash our foot against a stone.

*HYMN #260 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

verses 1 and 2

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of steadfast loving kindness: by our iniquities, we corrupt the goodness of Your creation. We acknowledge that we have yielded to temptation, and have lost ourselves to selfish desires and worldly pleasures. Deliver us from evil, O God, and speak to us with the words of abundant life. Forgive our transgressions and grant us victory over sin, that we may be restored to Your grace by the mercy of Christ. For we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

KYRIE #572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Children ages K-3rd grade are now invited downstairs for Children's Worship.

They Shall Soar Like Eagles Amanda Tipton, flute

Laura Manzo

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Luke 4:1-13

Pastor: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks Be to God.**

SERMON "Loving God with Heart, Soul, and Might" Dr. Curtis Christian

*HYMN #85 What Wondrous Love Is This WONDROUS LOVE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #579

Gloria Patri

Bonnie Gray

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS

Madison Missions Offering

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

Lenten Lunches

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #77 Forty Days and Forty Nights AUS DER TIEFE RUFE ICH

verses 1 and 5

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION On Eagle's Wings ON EAGLE'S WINGS

*POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated

Today's Lay Reader is Beth Underwood.