

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, February 22, 2026

The First Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Adoramus Te, Christe

Gasparini

INTROIT

I Turn to You, O Lord (from Psalm 32)
Beth Underwood, soloist

Guimont

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 32:1-11)

Leader: Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

People: Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,

Leader: And in whose spirit there is no deceit.

People: We acknowledge our sins to You, O LORD.

Leader: And we will not hide our iniquities;

People: We proclaimed, "Our transgressions we confess to the LORD,"

Leader: And You forgave the guilt of our sins.

People: Be glad in the LORD and rejoice; shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

*HYMN #184

How Blest Are Those
verses 1 and 5

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WALDVÖGELEIN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our Creator: You are Light to those who seek You and Life to those who find You.

Forgive us, for we have allowed temptations to compromise our faith. Forgive us, for we have followed the ways of the world and have not lived according to Your will. Forgive us, for we are prejudiced in our judgments and resentful in our actions. Fill us with Your Spirit that we may set out to serve You in newness of life, through Christ our Lord. 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.

ANTHEM

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Erik Meyer

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:1-11

New Testament, pp. 2-3

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

"The Nature and Power of Temptation"

Dr. Curtis Christian

*HYMN #77

Forty Days and Forty Nights
verses 1 and 3

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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

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS

Madison Missions Offering

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 #76

My Song Is Love Unknown
verses 1 and 2

LOVE UNKNOWN

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Keep Me Lord, in Sure Protection

CHARLESTOWN

*POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated

Today's Lay Reader is David Coleman.