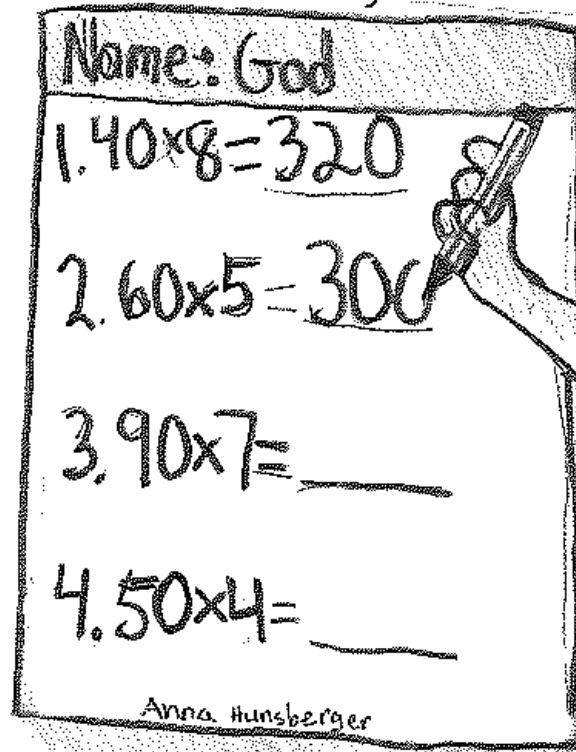


"Again it is written, Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

Matthew 4:7, NRSV



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PRELUDE – Pre-K and Kindergarten Choir

(The assembly stands)

SONG

TO YOU OH LORD

**To you O Lord, Oh Lord, I lift up my soul.
In You I trust, Oh Lord. (repeat)**

**Higher than the mountains,
Deeper than the sea,
Wider than the ocean is Your love for me.
You're with me on the mountain,
In the valley below.
You are right here beside me
Everywhere that I go.**

**To you O Lord, Oh Lord, I lift up my soul.
In You I trust, Oh Lord. (repeat)**

**Higher than the mountains,
Deeper than the sea,
Wider than the ocean is Your love for me.
You're with me on the mountain,
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Everywhere that I go.**

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INVOCATION

L Scripture promises us that where two or three are gathered in God's name, God promises to be present. Trusting these words this morning we gather in the name of the Father, Son + and Holy Spirit.

C Amen

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L Merciful God,

C we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by throwing mud at our adversaries,
calling each other names,
and being so proud we become sore losers.
We turn away from your love
by excluding others from our play,
not sharing our toys,
and being too busy to care for those who have fallen.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your radical love, forgive us for our fear of failure,
help us to trust you as we take a new perspective,
and lead us to dream big and to see new possibilities,
that we may seek to live hand in hand as one family
and walk, cartwheel and run in your ways,
to the joy of your holy name. Amen.

L Hear the good news!

Christ is the one who is in a position to condemn.
But instead Christ died for us, rose for us and prays for us.
God has changed the rules of life;
It is no longer about getting the most points
or winning the most trophies.
It is about unconditional & extraordinary love.
God has begun something new in us.
Know that because of God's love for you;
you are forgiven and sent out to play in peace.

C Amen.

SONG

HERE IN THIS PLACE

**Here in this place, new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you
In the light of this day.**

**Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
We are the old who yearn for your face;
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away,
Here in this place the new light shining,
Now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all people together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER

L Let us pray.

Gracious God, in the midst of these mountains and life-giving streams you gather us. By our time together in word and sacrament enrich our lives, for the sake of our service in your world. Like the disciples, you call us to go out from behind these walls to witness to your Spirit and unconditional love. Guide us in joy by your presence, to go forth and tell the good news across these Allegheny hills and valleys; in Jesus' name.

C **Amen.**

(The assembly is seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

R A reading from Genesis the 2nd chapter.

{Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.}

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some

to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

R The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32 (read responsively)

¹Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,
and whose sin is | put away!

²**Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!**

³While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,
because of my groaning | all day long.

⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.**

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me
the guilt | of my sin.

⁶**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of
trouble;**

when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.

⁸**I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;
I will guide you | with my eye.**

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay near
you."

¹⁰**Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.**

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19

R A reading from Romans the 5th chapter.

{Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.}

¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

R The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(The assembly stands)

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

R The holy gospel according to Matthew the 4th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

{Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.}

¹Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(The assembly is seated)

SERMON

(The assembly stands)

SONG

EVERY MOVE I MAKE

(sing 3 times)

Every move I make, I make in you

You make me move, Jesus

Every breath I take, I breathe in you - Woohoo!

Every step I take, I take in you

You are my way, Jesus

Every breath I take, I breathe in you

Waves of mercy, waves of grace

Everywhere I look, I see your face

Your love has captured me

Oh, my God, this love, how can it be?

Na na na na na (4x)

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PRAYERS OF THE GATHERED COMMUNITY

After each petition, the congregation responds

L Fearless and faithful, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

C **hear our prayer.**

L God, you call us into your church, to be the body of Christ in the world. Let us value every knee and elbow and mend every break and bruise. Lord in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L God, you created a world of wonders and know each bug and blade of grass. Make us good caretakers as we use and share the resources you have entrusted to us. Lord in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L God, you teach us mercy and justice. Raise up leaders who follow your way of caring for the least, lost, and lowly, and let the world know you through our love. Lord in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L God, you love and care for each of us even and especially when we have special needs. For your children who are ill or injured, un- or underemployed, or suffering in mind or spirit, and for those who concern us most whom we name before you now....we ask for healing and wholeness. Lord in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L God, you walk with us all of our days and welcome us into the day that never darkens. Give us the strength to follow the example of your saints who have gone before us until we join them and you in life that has no end. Lord in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L All this and every other thing you know we need we trust to your merciful goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L Let us share the peace of Christ with one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY – Children’s Chorus

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L God, you give us every good thing; all we are and all we have are gifts from you. Remind us to say “please” and “thank you”. Teach us to share. Open our hands to feed the world as you feed us with the bread of life, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING.

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

L It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator of the wonders beyond our galaxy. You formed us in your image, setting us in this world to love and serve you, and to live in peace with your whole creation. You set us in families on the earth to live with you in faith. Through Scripture and your Son you have shown us your ways of family living. Your signs and witnesses in every age lead people from every place to worship you.

SUNG RESPONSE OF PRAISE

LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

(sing 2 times)

Lord, I lift Your name on high. (echo: Lord, I lift Your name on high)

Lord, I love to sing Your praises. (echo: Lord, I love to sing Your praises)

I'm so glad You're in my life. (echo: I'm so glad You're in my life)

I'm so glad You came to save us. (echo: to save us)

You came from heaven to earth

To show the way.

From the earth to the cross.

My debt to pay.

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;

Lord, I lift Your name on high!

L O God, from the very beginning you dwell in creation. Your fingerprints cover everything, everyone, everywhere. Wherever we look you are there! You dwell in tents, temples, mosques, and churches. Your song of love is carried on the wind around the world.

In Christ, you came to earth as the most vulnerable among us to live in your creation and play with your people. You came to share our joys and our sorrows. You promised to be here for all our tomorrows. In this holy meal, Jesus you bound us to you forever.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, you found one more way to be with us forever. By the gift of the Holy Spirit you have come to journey with us. Your Spirit flows through the young whose lives are a mystery and the old who yearn for your face. You call us to be light to the whole human race. Your Spirit continues the song you began at creation. Guide us to trust your promise of love and presence in our lives. It is a grace that has changed us — grace that changes everything. As we are nourished at this table by this holy meal, strengthen us through the Holy Spirit for the week ahead and unite us as your people in the name of the Father, the Son (+), and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

L In thanksgiving, we say the words you taught us.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

L Through this meal, God fills our cup to overflowing. All are welcome to God's table where we are nourished to live as a community in faith, hope, and love. Come the gifts of God for the people of God.

C Thanks be to God.

(The assembly is seated.)

LAMB OF GOD

**Your only Son, no sin to hide,
Yet you have sent Him from your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God. (Chorus)**

Chorus:

**Oh, Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, was me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, my Lamb of God.**

**Your gift of love, they crucified.
They mocked and scorned Him as He died.
The humble King, they called a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God (Chorus)**

**I was so lost, I should have died,
But you have brought me to your side
To be led by your staff and rod
And to be called a Lamb of God. (Chorus)**

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FILL MY CUP

Chorus:

**Fill my cup and let it overflow, oh-oh-oh!
Fill my cup and let it overflow, Oh yeah!
Fill my cup and let it overflow, let it overflow with love.**

**Jesus loves me this I know, oh-oh-oh!
For the Bible tells me so, Oh yeah!
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong. (Chorus)**

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, oh-oh-oh!
That saved a wretch like me, Oh yeah!
I once was lost but now am found, once was blind but now I see. (Chorus)**

**Onward Christian soldiers, oh-oh-oh!
Marching as to war, Oh yeah!
With the cross of Jesus, going on before. (Chorus)**

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WE ARE CALLED

**Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.**

Chorus:

**We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.**

**Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So hatred and blindness will be no more. (Chorus)**

**Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love. (Chorus)**

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ONE NAME

One name under heaven, whereby we must be saved. (repeat)

**Forgiven of our sins, baptized in the water, filled with the Holy Ghost
And washed in the blood of the Lamb. (repeat)**

Free, truly free my friend. Freed by, the blood of the Lamb. (repeat)

**God's gonna move this pla-a-a-ace. God's gonna move this pla-a-a-ace.
God's gonna turn this world, upside down. (repeat)**

One name under heaver, whereby we must be saved. (repeat)

(The assembly stands.)

L May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. Amen.

L Let us pray.

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. You have united us as your family and energized us. Give us grace that in everything we do, our work and our play, our rest and our fellowship, as we strive to reflect your love and your will in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

L May the Lord bless you with strength and courage.

May the Lord give you vision and hope.

May the Lord send you out in peace and lead you home in joy.

In the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SONG

THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT

This is my commandment that you love one another.

As I have loved you, as I have loved you.

(repeat)

No, no, no one has greater love than this,

No, no, no one has greater love than this,

No, no, no one has greater love than this,

To lay down one's life for one's friends

YOU ARE MY FRIENDS!

This is my commandment that you love one another.

As I have loved you, as I have loved you.

(repeat)

No, no, no one has greater love than this,

No, no, no one has greater love than this,

No, no, no one has greater love than this,

To lay down one's life for one's friends

YOU ARE MY FRIENDS!

This is my commandment that you love one another.

As I have loved you, as I have loved you.

(repeat)

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DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Change the world.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL MESSAGE

March 1, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Into the Wilderness

By today, the ash-drawn crosses have been washed away, no longer visible. Still, memories of them linger as we continue our Lenten pilgrimage. Perhaps as the service begins we might reach up to trace the now unseen sign of the cross, recalling God's steadfast love and praying for the still-new days of this Lenten season.

Today we prepare to receive a word that will inspire and equip us for the unfolding journey. Likely we are surprised, then, when the gospel names Jesus famished, already having fasted forty days and forty nights. Although our "forty days" are just beginning, Jesus is nearing the end of his. The Spirit that alighted on him at baptism also has led him into the wilderness. He has been stretched so far, perhaps beyond imagining; this is the cue for temptations to begin.

The tempter starts by goading Jesus with invitations to test his identity as God's Beloved, challenging Jesus to feed his hunger by turning stones to bread, or to test God's care for him by hurling himself from the temple pinnacle. Jesus resists, pushing back with scripture. "One does not live by bread alone," he says (Matt. 4:4), and "Do not put the Lord your God to the test" (Matt. 4:7). A third temptation sounds untenable when the devil promises what is not his to give, namely "all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor," if only Jesus will "fall down and worship" him (Matt. 4:8-9). Jesus, however, does not argue the point; instead he retorts, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him'" (Matt. 4:10).

Lent, for us, is not likely to be anything like the extremes of enduring the Judean desert or sparring one-to-one with the devil following a forty-day fast! But it may be that we will face *our* temptations differently when we remember the resistance that was empowered by Jesus' Spirit-led, scripture-grounded life.

Daily Readings for the Week March 1-7

Sunday:	First Sunday in Lent Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11
Monday:	Psalm 32 1 Kings 19:1-8 Hebrews 2:10-18
Tuesday:	Psalm 32 Genesis 4:1-16 Hebrews 4:14—5:10
Wednesday:	Psalm 32 Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28 Matthew 18:10-14
Thursday:	Psalm 121 Isaiah 51:1-3 2 Timothy 1:3-7
Friday:	Psalm 121 Micah 7:18-20 Romans 3:21-31
Saturday:	Psalm 121 Isaiah 51:4-8 Luke 7:1-10

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