

Service Order for March 10, 2019



Welcome

Invocation

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: We have come here today to worship the Lord. In worship we hear the Word of God, we receive God's blessings, and respond with thanks and praise. We begin by seeking God's blessing of forgiveness. He has promised to remove the guilt and shame of our sin through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

(a time of silence to reflect and personally confess our sins)

P: Heavenly Father,

C: Heavenly Father,

P: I have done things that were wrong.

C: I have done things that were wrong.

P: I have been mean to others.

C: I have been mean to others.

P: I have not obeyed my parents.

C: I have not obeyed my parents.

P: I have not obeyed You, God.

C: I have not obeyed You, God.

P: But I am very sorry.

C: But I am very sorry.

P: Please forgive me.

C: Please forgive me.

P: I love You very much.

C: I love You very much.

P: And I know You love me, too.

C: And I know You love me, too.

P: God has heard your apology. He loves you very much. God has told us that when we believe and trust in Him, He makes us His children. As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our sins from us. He has told me to tell you that you are forgiven. So, as His servant I forgive you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

First Song: The Hippopotamus Song

First Reading - Luke 4:1-4

Now Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan River and was led by the Holy Spirit into the wild. For forty wilderness days and nights he was tested by the Devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when the time was up he was hungry. The Devil, playing on his hunger, gave the first test: "Since you're God's Son, command this stone to turn into a loaf of bread." Jesus answered by quoting Deuteronomy: "People don't live by bread alone, but by the Word of God."

Children's Message

Second Song: Jesus, You're My Sure Foundation

Second Reading - Luke 4:5-9

For the second test he led him up to a high mountain and spread out all the kingdoms of the earth on display at once. Then the Devil said, "They're yours in all their splendor to serve your pleasure. I'm in charge of them all and can turn them over to whomever I wish. Worship me and they're yours, all of them." 8 Jesus refused, again backing his refusal with a verse from Deuteronomy: "Worship the Lord your God and only the Lord your God. Serve him alone."

Children's Message

Third Song: Jesus Loves Me

Third Reading - Luke 4:10-13

For the third test the Devil took Jesus to Jerusalem and put him on top of the Temple. He said, "If you are God's Son, jump. It's written, isn't it, that 'he has placed you in the care of angels to protect you; they will catch you; you won't so much as stub your toe on a stone?'" "Yes," said Jesus, "and it's also written, 'Don't you dare tempt the Lord your God.'" That completed the testing. The Devil retreated temporarily, lying in wait for another opportunity.

Children's Message

Special Music by the Youth Choir: "Give Thanks"

Offering

Sermon Hymn - O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

Sermon - Facing Temptation

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'" The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. If you worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Prayers

The 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

Words of Institution

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also, with you.

P: We greet each other in the peace of Christ.

Distribution

Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song – Happy Day

Announcements (*Service Ends*)

Clean Up