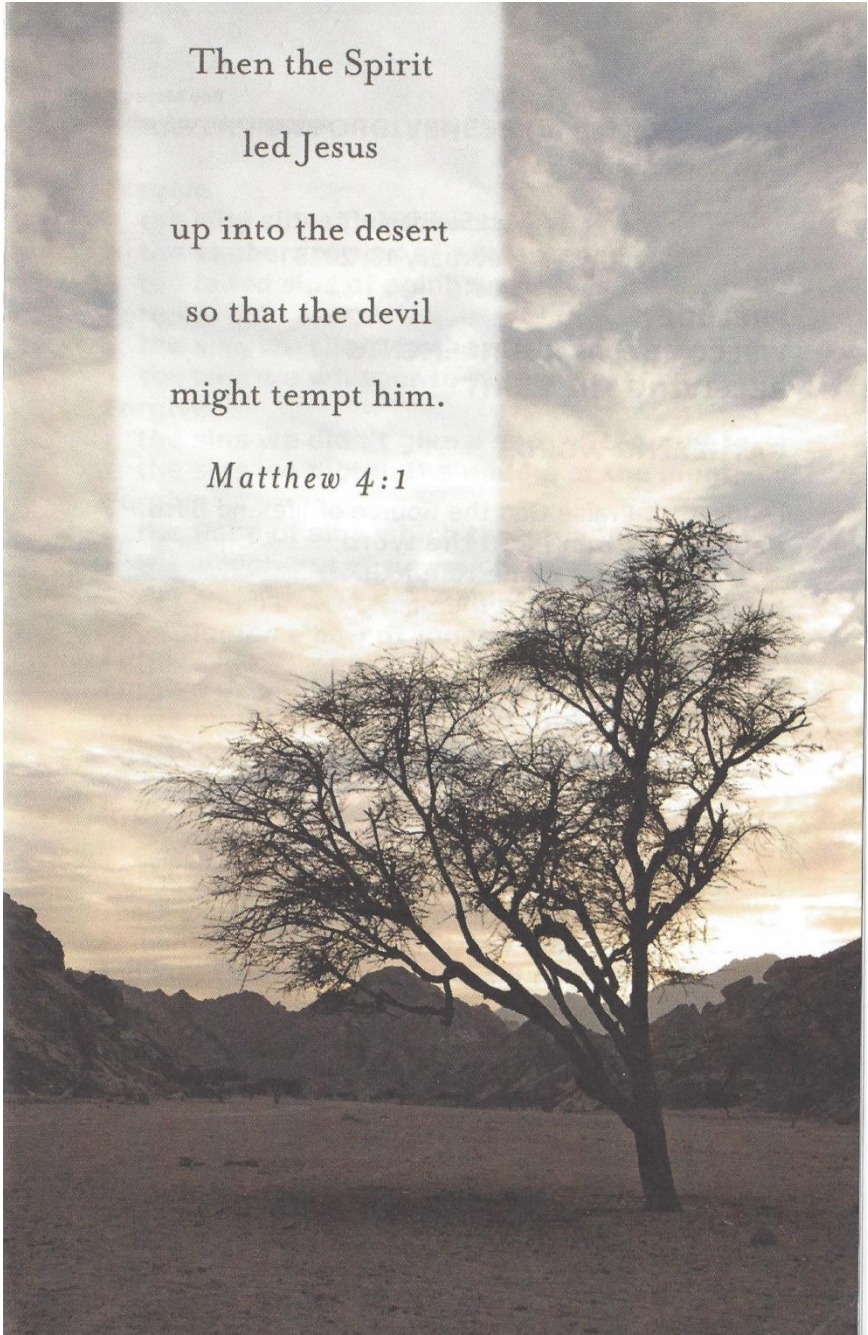


Then the Spirit
led Jesus
up into the desert
so that the devil
might tempt him.

Matthew 4:1



2nd Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2018

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEIVING THE LIGHT

GATHERING WORDS

Leader: Lent calls us to journey, this and every day, following Jesus wherever he leads us.

People: Lent calls us to journey: to the place where God covenants with us, to receive the new names we are given.

Leader: Lent calls us to worship together, to tell future generations the good news.

People: Lent calls us to practice justice, to bring God's hope to all people.

Leader: Lent calls us to faithful living, to trust the One who gives us life.

People: Lent calls each of us to take up our cross, to trust the One who bears it with us.

Leader: Lent calls us to journey with God.

People: Let us worship God, who walks with us, this and every day.

***PRAISE SONG "Wherever I May Wander" #294**

***CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

Leader: Given a test on our faith, would we have a passing grade? Looking at our lives of discipleship, would we be considered good models for others? When we fail to trust God, we discover that we do indeed lead barren lives. Let us be honest as we stand before our God, and bring our confessions for forgiveness and hope.

***PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS (in unison)**

God of Sarah and Abraham, in this holy place, we know how weak our discipleship is. We can spend hours at the computer, but only give You fleeting moments of our time. We can talk endlessly on our cell phones, but fall silent when it comes to sharing our fears, our worries, our hopes with You. We seek quick fixes for our problems, rather than seeking Your vision and future for our lives.

**God of Peter, Paul, and the psalmist,
forgive us:**

for our lack of trust;

for our faithless living;

for closing our ears to the call of Jesus.

Forgive us, so we may lay aside all that keeps us from You, so we may take up the life You offer to us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

***SILENT PRAYER**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: This is the good news: God does not go back on the promises made so long ago. God does not reject us, God redeems us. God does not withhold love, God pours it into our barren lives.

**People: Forgiven of our sins, filled with hope, living in relationship with God and one another – we are a new people.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***PRAYER SONG “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”**

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face;
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

CHILDREN’S MOMENT (Children are invited to come forward to sit on the steps.)

MINUTE FOR SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE

“The Daily Examen”

SCRIPTURE Ethan Bonezzi, Liturgist **Mark 8:31-38**

MEN’S CHORUS

LIFE-GIVING WATER
“Jesus Gave Me Water”
“Drinking Water from the Well”

MESSAGE "Lent as a Pilgrimage: The Call

APOSTLE'S CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.**

**From there 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.**

SONG OF HOPE

"Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley" #80

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 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.

OFFERTORY

***RESPONSE "Take My Life" #391 vs. 1**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)**

May these gifts represent our willingness to deny ourselves, - so others might be blessed by Your grace, Your peace, as well as Your hope, in every moment of their lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING SONG "The Summons"**

The Summons

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1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? ____ Will you go where you don't know and
 your name? ____ Will you care for cruel and kind and
 your name? ____ Will you set the pris - oners free and
 your name? ____ Will you quell the fear in - side and
 my name. ____ Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? ____ Will you let my love be
 nev - er be the same? ____ Will you risk the hos - tile
 nev - er be the same? ____ Will you kiss the lep - er
 nev - er be the same? ____ Will you use the faith you've
 nev - er be the same. ____ In your com - pa - ny I'll



shown, ____ will you let my name be known, ____ will you
 stare ____ should your life at - tract or scare? ____ Will you
 clean, ____ and do such as this un - seen, ____ and ad -
 found ____ to re - shape the world a - round, ____ through my
 go ____ where your love and foot - steps show. ____ Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me? ____
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me? ____
 mit to what I mean in you and you in me? ____
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? ____
 move and live and grow in you and you in me. ____

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 MUSIC: Trad. Scottish

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*BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** -

Our semi-annual congregational meeting will be held **TODAY** immediately after the morning worship service.

The purpose of the meeting is to present the reports of ministry teams, the 2017 Nominating Committee, and review last year's finances.

- **EASTER FLOWERS** – Orders for Easter flowers will be taken for the next 3 Sundays starting today. An order form is inserted in today's bulletin.
- **SESSION MEETING** – **Monday, February 26, 7:00 p.m.**
- **CANCER PRAYER SUPPORT GROUP** – **Sunday, March 4, 5:30 p.m.** at Pastor Bob & Christi's house, 304 Church Street, Lodi.
- **GIVING TO THE BUILDING FUND IN 2018:**
As you make your donations to the church in 2018, it is still **necessary to specify whether your gift is to go to the Building Fund OR General Operating Fund.** If you do not specify---every time you give---the donation will go into the General Fund. For your convenience, a box of Building Fund envelopes has been placed on the table in the Narthex. Help yourself to a supply for home. As always, if you have any questions, feel free to talk to our Treasurer Joan Swartz.