

LENT

A WILDERNESS JOURNEY



St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY
GATHERS AND GROWS

March 6, 2022

Lent 1

Sunday, March 6, 2022

(* indicates the assembly stands

** indicates singing is encouraged)

Gathering

Prelude *"Prelude in C minor"* J.S. Bach

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness (see page 4)

Introit *"Prayer for Peace"* D. Johnson

*Greeting

*Kyrie 615** *"In All Our Grief"*

*Prayer of the Day

Anthem *"Saviour, Teach Me Day by Day"* B. Cabena

Word

Reading Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 91: 1-2, 9-16 *(read antiphonally by full verse, see page 4)*

*Gospel Acclamation *"Let Your Steadfast Love"* p. 103

*Gospel Reading Luke 4:1-13

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 326** *"Bless Now, O God, the Journey"*

*Statement of Faith (see page 5)

*Prayers of Intercession **A: receive our prayer.**

*Peace

Thanksgiving

Hymn of Thanksgiving 516 v. 1 & 4

“Almighty God, Your Word is Cast”

*Thanksgiving for the Word

Lord’s Prayer (“Our Father in heaven....”*)

p. 221

Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 319**

“O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days”

Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Prelude in G minor”

J.S. Bach

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These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God’s grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God’s love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

Church Fire Plan For everyone’s awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of God,

...

Holy One,

A.: we confess that we have wandered far from you:

we have not trusted your promises,

we have ignored your prophets in our own day,

we have squandered our inheritance of grace,

we have failed to recognize you in our midst.

Have mercy on us!

Forgive us and turn us again to you.

Teach us to follow in your ways,

assure us again of your love,

and help us to love our neighbor.

Amen.

Psalm 91

¹You who dwell in the shelter of ^l the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of ^l the Almighty—

²you will say to the LORD, “My refuge ^l and my stronghold,
my God in whom I ^l put my trust.”

⁹Because you have made the ^l LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your ^l habitation,

¹⁰no evil ^l will befall you,
nor shall affliction come ^l near your dwelling.

¹¹For God will give the angels charge ^l over you,
to guard you in ^l all your ways.

**¹²Upon their hands they will | bear you up,
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.**

**¹³You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.**

**¹⁴I will deliver those who | cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they | know my name.**

**¹⁵They will call me, and I will | answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.**

**¹⁶With long life will I | satisfy them,
and show them | my salvation.**

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Statement of Faith

I believe in God, the source of all life, wholeness, and love.

I believe that God is revealed in Jesus Christ.

I believe that in his life, Jesus reveals God in grace, mercy, forgiveness, and justice.

I believe that in his death, Jesus reveals God's determined presence in the world even in the face of hatred, violence, and pain.

I believe that in his resurrection, Jesus reveals God calling us to abundant life both now and forever; life beyond our fearful and fragile imaginations.

I believe that God lives among us, within us, and through us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

I believe that God moves us to be together in communities of faith, hope, and

love.

I believe these things not out of certainty but out of faith; as one who trusts in the reality of God revealed in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

(by Daniel Sire, as found on progressivechristianity.org)

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Claudine Carlson

Assisting Minister: Krista Ogonowski

Diaconal Minister of Music : Deacon Scott Knarr

Choral Scholars: Nicole Hamilton, Laura Moolenbeek, Dylan Siebert, Jacob Steinmann

Vocal Ensemble: Julia Crnko, Lana Moses, Bev Roeder, Jim & Erika Sattler

Radio: Jason Smolak

Building Monitor: Ron Roeder (519-895-6833)

Worship Notes

In our prayers John, Susan, Marie, Grace, Maureen, Ruth-Marie, Frank and Bernice.

Important Information for today's worship

- **Masks:** According to the Waterloo Region Bylaw, wearing a mask indoors is mandatory.
- **Personal belongings:** You may use the basement coat racks, but please use the Church Street side staircase to descend back down (follow the arrows). Please still exit via the left (Charles St.) staircase and doors.
- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates upon leaving.

- **The Peace** will be shared without physical contact
- **Guides to Worship:** Please place these in the recycling bins in the Narthex upon leaving, or take them home.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, all will remain in place until the end of the postlude. Then, following the ushers' guidance, those in the back pews will exit first, going directly out the only official exit: the Benton parking lot doors. Please do not mingle inside, and maintain distancing until you are in the parking lot. We encourage you to mingle outside while maintaining physical distancing.
- **Washrooms:** Are not sanitized after each usage. Please only use the ones in the Sanctuary basement, follow all signage and maintain physical distancing.
- **Coffee Hour** is cancelled until further notice.
- **Mingling:** Please do not mingle while indoors and respect 2 metre physical distancing at all times. Please refrain from shaking hands or other physical contact with people outside your social bubble.
- **Pastors** will not be greeting at the door or mingling indoors, but will make an effort to come outside asap after the service. If you wish to talk to them, best to call or email at another time. An in-person meeting may be scheduled.
- **Water Coolers** are not to be used.
- **Access** to the rest of the building (e.g. Office, Fellowship Hall, Scout Hall) is not permitted.
- **Property Cleaning and Sanitizing:** Will be increased throughout this time
- **Thank you for helping to keep all of us as safe as possible during this pandemic, by following these directions!**



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Midweek Lenten Worship Services on Wednesdays at 7 p.m., featuring Holden Evening Prayer. Come join us live or via live-stream.

Space for your notes on today's service, for your personal reflection.

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