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Worship, March 6, 2022, 11:15 am

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candle

Centering Music

+Call to Worship

L: The Spirit and the Church say, "Come."

P: The people of the Word say, "Come."

L: Let everyone who is thirsty come.

P: Receive the gift of the water of life.

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 55). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Let us pray: **Gracious God, you are our way in the wilderness. In our own times of testing be our spiritual nourishment, protect us with your angels, and show your authority in our lives, so that we may hunger for righteousness and live in peace and safety, worshiping and serving you alone; through Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Prayers for Lent, Office of Theology and Worship, PCUSA.

+Song: *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing (466)*

Litany for Lent

For forty days and nights the rain fell, and the waters covered the face of the earth. **Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**

For forty years the people wandered, seeking the land of God's promise. **Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**

Moses spent forty days on the mountain, learning the commandments of God. **Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**

Elijah traveled forty days in the wilderness to hear the voice of God in the silence. **Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**

Jonah cried out to the people of Nineveh: Repent, or in forty days you will perish. **Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**

Jesus fasted and prayed for forty days and was tested by the devil. **Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (pp. 233-234). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

(moment of silence.)

Eternal God, as we are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ, so give us the grace of repentance that we may pass through the grave with him and be born again to eternal life. For he is the One who was crucified, dead, and buried, and rose again for us, Jesus our Savior. Amen.

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 234). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Response of Praise *Bless the Lord, My Soul (2013) (3x)*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Anthem *Poor Wayfaring Stranger* arranged by Keith Christopher

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us, by your Word, through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 237). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Scripture Deuteronomy 26:1-11 When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Hymn *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley (80)*

Scripture Luke 4:1-13 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" ⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" ⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Sermon

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Offering Prayer

In response to God's goodness, let us give thanks to God. Let us pray:

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who is the light of the world. Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Chorus (all): *Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts (2x)*

The whole world is full of God's glory (3x)

Holy is the Lord!

You are holy, O God of majesty...that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

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Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Chorus (all): *Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and you will not hunger*

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

Prayer After Communion

Taking the Word into the World

+Song: *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve (2241)*

+Charge and Benediction

+Stand as you are able

HYMNS

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
the triumph's of God's grace!

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.

Christ breaks the power of reigning sin, and sets the prisoner free,
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean, Christ's blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself,
O nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself.

We must walk this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves;
O nobody else can walk it for us, we have to walk it by ourselves.

You must go and stand your trial, you have to stand it by yourself,
O nobody else can stand it for you, you have to stand it by yourself.

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

The Spirit sends us forth to serve, we go in Jesus' name,
To bring good tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.

We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free;
Where hope is dim, we share a dream and help the blind to see.

We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed,
And all our days to cherish life, to do the loving deed.

Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim,
God's spirit has empowered us, we go in Jesus' name.