



Immanuel Presbyterian Church

Online Worship Service

First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

*Discovering and displaying Christ
in here and out there*

Celebration of the Lord's Day

WELCOME & PRAYER

HYMN

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Isaiah 55:1

One: Are you thirsty for grace? Are you hungry for mercy? God is calling; come to the waters. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves as pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Isaiah 55:3

One: Listen, so that you may live: the steadfast love of the Lord never fails. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

SONG

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Graham Kendrick

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:1-11 NRSV

¹Then Jesus 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.'" ⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹ and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

One: The grass withers and the flower fades, but the Word of God endures forever.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON SERIES

A Beginner's Guide to Lent

SERMON

Temptation 101: Quoting Deuteronomy

Rev. John C. Tittle

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All: I believe in Jesus, who rose from the river to see heaven opened to the Spirit falling and the Father calling: "I love you". I believe in Jesus, who walked the desert to be tried and tempted with the Spirit leading and the devil calling: "If you are". I believe in Jesus, who stayed forty days there, as he prayed and fasted with his guts hurting and his breath smelling "Turn these stones". I believe in Jesus, who went with the devil to be offered power with the wild beasts roaring and the angels chanting "Worship God". I believe in Jesus, who looked down on the city, with a fear of falling with the angels watching and the hard earth waiting "It is written". I believe in Jesus, truly God, truly human, who was sorely tempted, with the same temptations we all are facing "Yet without sin".

SONG

Praise in the Wilderness

Goodall, Stone, Hamlin, Cain

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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