



Immanuel Presbyterian Church

8:30am Alternative Worship Service

1st Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023

*Discovering and displaying Christ
in here and out there*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY

(*Please stand as you are able)

Lenten Video

Welcome and Community Life

Moment for Mission

Young Adult Volunteers

Prayer of Adoration

*Song

This is Amazing Grace

Wickham, Riddle, Farro

*Call to Worship

Psalm 25

One: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

All: I trust in you, my God!

One: Show me the path where I should walk, O Lord; point out the right road for me to follow.

All: Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you.

One: The Lord is good and does what is right; he leads the humble in what is right, teaching them his way.

All: Friendship with the Lord is reserved for those who fear him. With them he shares the secrets of his covenant.

One: Let us praise the Lord!

*Song

Then At Last (Psalm 32)

Kimbrough

Call to Confession

One: As we make our confession of sin, be assured that we don't have to talk God into forgiving us. God knows our need before we ask, and has provided in the crucified Christ a saving grace that endures forever. In confession we are honest with ourselves, and ask the Spirit God to come in and put things right. Let us pray together.

Prayer of Confession

All: Most merciful God whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will. Amen.

Moment of Silent Prayer

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news: The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down. Sisters and brothers, be at peace—your sins are forgiven through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ!

All: Thanks be to God!

Song

Lord, I Need You

Maher

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4: 1-11 NRSVue

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil.² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished.³ The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."⁴ But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple,⁶ saying 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 glory,⁹ and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."¹⁰ Then 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

If You Are...

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"

*Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Devil

Papa Roach

Prayers of the People

One: Lord, lead us from temptation

All: and deliver us from evil.

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.

*Closing Song

Your Grace Finds Me

Myrin, Redman

*Charge and Benediction

One: God be in your head and in your understanding.

All: God be in my eyes and in my looking.

One: God be in your mouth and in your speaking.

All: God be in our hearts and in our thinking.

One: God be at your end and at your departing.

All: God be in our feet and in our hands.

Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle, Pastor

Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries

Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation

Laura Fennema, lay reader

Ed Vander Woude, audio visual

Adoración Ensemble – George Davis, Joy Hager, Sandy Russell, Christina Russell, Clay Whittington, Bob and Carol Van Gelder

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