

ORDER OF WORSHIP
1st Sunday in Lent
March 9, 2025
10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* Marianne Kim
Mary Jo Cox, organ

WORDS OF GREETING

One: The Lord, our shelter, our refuge,
our dwelling place, says,

**All: “When my people call me,
I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble;
I will show them my salvation.”**

WELCOME

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

INTROIT *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* Walker’s Southern Harmony

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Lu Yardley

One: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

All: The journey begins in the wilderness.

One: We will follow the way of Jesus,
who faced trials, troubles,
temptations, and testing.

**All: Like Jesus, we are not alone.
The Holy Spirit is with us.
God’s Word is on our lips.**

One: Our call is to trust in God alone,
to do God’s will in all things.

**All: For God leads us not only into the wilderness,
but also through the wilderness.**

*HYMN No. 167 *Forty Days and Forty Nights*

*CALL TO CONFESSION
(Silent Confession)

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As Lent unfolds before us, great God, we see how far we have to go to Jerusalem. The road is long, our sins are many, our burdens are heavy. We can’t imagine new life, Easter life, because our current lives are filled with bad choices and failed efforts. Meet us in our weakness. Take up our sins. Ease our burdens. Carry us on the way. Bring us to Jerusalem at last. Show us a love that is stronger than death, a love no tomb can hold. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*RESPONSE No. 519 *You Are My Strength When I Am Weak*
**You are my strength when I am weak;
you are the treasure that I seek;
you are my all in all.**
**When I fall down, you pick me up;
when I am dry, you fill my cup;
you are my all in all.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!**

CHILDREN'S OFFERING; BLESSING

**Congregation: May the Lord go with you as you
worship and learn together.**

Children: May the Lord be with you as you
worship here.

Congregation: Go in peace.

Children: We go in peace. Amen.

During the response to the Passing of the Peace, newborns through 5th grade are invited to come forward to the chancel steps for the blessing. After the blessing, they will be dismissed to the Nursery and to the Children's Worship Center in the lower level for the Children and Worship time. Please pick up your child from the Nursery or Worship Center when they have finished their time of worship.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 91:1-2,9-16

Amen. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

On Eagle's Wings

Michael Joncas

Lorelei Wilburn, Megan Ransom, Lexi Galliard, soloists

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:1-13

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

"The Journey Begins"

Andrew Miller

Question of the day: Where does your heart lie?

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.21*

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. Amen.

*HYMN No. 783

When We Are Tested

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(If you have a prayer of concern or joy, please text 989-954-3297.)

MORNING PRAYER AND 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 sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN No. 694

Great God of Every Blessing

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

Marty Haugen

*POSTLUDE

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Antonio de Cabezon

*NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS, SO GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD

Notes:

Worship Leaders: Mary Jo Cox; Chancel Choir; Mary Lu Yardley; Andrew Miller

Gil and Elinor Rau Choral Scholars: Liam Cox; Lauren Geates; Lexi Galliers; Lorelei Wilburn

The Prayers and Concern of the Congregation are extended to:

John Daniels, Jean Winther, Jennifer Miller Sheffield (Andrew Miller's sister), Kolton Hutson, J T Schmitt (Barb Lindley's son-in-law), Nick Baker, Wendy Shugert, Mike McNabb, Scott Campbell (Andrew & Martha Miller's friend), Betty Gempel, Jillian & Flynn Gray, Martha Loubert (sister-in-law of John, Pete, and Sheri Loubert), Lois Miller, Jaime Love (brother of Kevin Love), Louisa Ellis (Jeff & Cam Ellis granddaughter), Olivia Geisthardt (friend of Anna Clare Miller), Suzanne Hand, Charles Loubert, Jim Gilbert, Verna Russell, Sarah Gilbert, Joyce McNabb, Lavona Osborne. Cathy Chang, Juan Lopez, and Noah Lapp, Vowles Elementary, First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth, Burch Run, MI, Reformed Church of Denmark and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Offering

If you are joining us for worship in-person and would like to give an offering, please place your offering in an offering plate. You can also give your pledge, per capita payment, or offering by mailing it to the church office: First Presbyterian Church, 1250 Watson Road, Mt. Pleasant, 48858. You can also give an offering by going to the church's website, www@fpcmp.org and hit the "Give Now" button or use the QR Code,



Save the Date:

Blood Drive at the church on Saturday, March 29, 2025, from 9am-2pm. To sign up scan the QR Code below.

