



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 6, 2022

First Sunday in Lent

(As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.)

The Prelude

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Wilhelm Friedemann Bach

The Call to Worship

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the Lord:

**People: You are my refuge and my fortress.
You are my God in whom I trust.**

Leader: Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
the Most High will be your dwelling place.

**People: No evil shall befall us.
No scourge shall come near our tents.**

Leader: Those who love the Lord, God will deliver.
God protects those who know the name of the Lord.
God saves them and honors them in times of trouble.

**People: Show us our salvation, O God.
Show us your favor as we offer you our worship.**

The Hymn No. 2105

Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

EBENEZER

1. Jesus, tempted in the desert,
lonely, hungry, filled with dread;
“Use your power,” the tempter tells him
“Turn these barren rocks to bread!”
“Not alone by bread,” he answers,
“Can the human heart be filled.
Only by the Word that calls us
is our deepest hunger stilled!”
2. Jesus, tempted at the temple,
high above its ancient wall:
“Throw yourself from lofty turret;
angels wait to break your fall!”
Jesus shuns such empty marvels,
feats that fickle crowds request:
“God, whose grace protects, preserves us,
we must never vainly test”
3. Jesus, tempted on the mountain
by the lure of vast domain
“Fall before me! Be my servant!
Glory, fame, you’re sure to gain!”
Jesus sees the dazzling vision,
turns his eyes another way:
“God alone deserves our homage!
God alone will I obey!”
4. When we face temptation’s power
lonely, struggling, filled with dread,
Christ, who knew the tempter’s hour,
come and be our living bread.
By your grace, protect, preserve us
lest we fall your trust betray.
Yours, above all other voices,
be the Word we hear, obey.

- 8 **You will only look with your eyes
and see the recompense of the wicked.**
9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
the Most High your habitation,
10 **no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.**

Response

- 11 For God will give his angels charge over you
to guard you in all your ways.
12 **The will bear you up on their hands**
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
13 **You will tread on the lion and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under
foot.**
14 Because they cleave to me in clove, I will deliver them;
I will protect them, because they know my name.
15 When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them.
16 **I will satisfy them with long life
and show them my salvation.**

Response

The Homily

A Prayer for Troubled Times

Dr. Matthew Bates

The Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

The Confession and Pardon (in unison)

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will, we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

All pray in silence.

Leader: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love towards us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**
All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Anthem *For He Shall Give His Angels Charge over Thee* Kenneth Jennings

For he shall give his angels charge over thee.
to keep thee in all thy ways.
They shall bear thee up in their hands,
lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most high
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
For he shall give his angels charge over thee.
to keep thee in all thy ways.

Psalm 91:11, 12, 1

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The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts,

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

*The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion,
remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:*

And so,
with your people on earth
and with all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Carlton R. Young

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

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The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:

And so,
 in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
 we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
 as a holy and living sacrifice,
 in union with Christ's offering for us,
 as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Carlton R. Young

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain!

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*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:
 All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.*

Carlton R. Young

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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The Lord's Prayer No. 895

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass 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.**

The Giving and Receiving of Communion

The Hymn No. 269

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

LAND OF REST

1. Lord, who throughout these forty days
 for us didst fast and pray,
 teach us with thee to mourn our sins
 and close by thee to stay.
2. As thou with Satan didst contend,
 and didst the victory win,
 O give us strength in thee to fight,
 in thee to conquer sin.
3. As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst,
 so teach us, gracious Lord,
 to die to self, and chiefly live
 by thy most holy word.

4. And through these days of penitence,
and through thy passiontide,
yea, evermore in life and death,
Jesus, with us abide.
5. Abide with us, that so, this life
of suffering over past,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last.

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The Benediction

The Postlude

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

American Folk Hymn

***Thank you to all the volunteers who helped us this morning
and throughout the week to make this worship possible.***

***The communion flowers are given in celebration and
thankfulness for the life of Herbert Keith Young,
beloved husband of Susy Bork Meyer.***