Worship for March 6, 2022 Lent 1

Prelude Welcome and Announcements Lenten Reading Betty Dennison

*Hymn 12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Prayer of Confession

O God, our strength and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall easily to temptation, swayed by false words, maybe even false statements of our own making. We choose ease and comfort over the claims made upon us as Christians devoted in faith and service. In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant life you intend. We keep the Good News to ourselves and neglect to demonstrate your generosity to those desperate to find relief. Forgive us, Lord, and do not put us to shame. Show us your salvation when we call upon you. In the name of Jesus Christ, who died that we might live. Amen.

*Hymn 698 Take, O Take Me As I Am

Assurance of Forgiveness

The Lord is generous to all who call on him.

God does not turn us away, but, desires to bring us into the glorious freedom offered in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Friends, know you are forgiven and be at peace.

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Moments With Our Young Disciples

Gospel Reading Luke 4:1-13 Morning Message

*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed p. 35

*Hymn 580 Gloria Patri

Prayers of the Faithful and the Lord's Prayer

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings *Hymn 606 Doxology *Prayer of Dedication Gracious God, we give you thanks for all your gifts, including these forty days of Lent. May they be to us a time of deep searching, during walks into the wilderness, and courageous choices. May we dedicate ourselves anew to discipleship, even as we dedicate our gifts to your kingdom. Amen.

*Hymn 166 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

*Blessing

These Lenten days will take is to the cross of Christ.

Go forward, knowing that you do not walk this way alone.

Do not fear, for the Word of God empowers us and the Holy Spirit sustains us.

May the God of the exodus lead us into freedom.

May the Holy Spirit bind us to God's will and to fellowship with believers over time and space. May Christ Jesus, God's own Son, show us the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

*Postlude

Announcements Elder of the Month Clara Adkins

There will be a congregational meeting following worship. You are invited to remain in the sanctuary in order to receive information regarding the church's mission and ministry.

The session will meet March 20 following worship.