

open hearts
open minds
open doors



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Worship Guide

March 22, 2020

11 am worship

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Greeting

Opening Prayer

Merciful God, we gather together from far and wide to lift our hearts and minds to you today. Our world is changing at a frightening pace, and our emotions can barely keep up. In the midst of the changing tides, we know you that you are our rock. Plant our feet on the firm foundation of your love and grace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Scripture

Matthew 4:1-11 (New Revised Standard Version)

4:1 Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted for 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."' ⁵ Then 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; ⁹and 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.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

Message from Pastor Lisa

This Is Not a Drill!

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

Response: Hear our prayer

Let us pray for
the people of our congregation
those who suffer in mind, body, and spirit
everyone affected by the COVID-19 pandemic
our local community
the world, it's peoples, and its leaders

The 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 trespasses,

as we forgive those who 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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

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Closing Thoughts

Words of Hope by Kitty O'Meara

"And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.

And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed."

Benediction

May we depart from this virtual space and spread NOTHING but the peace, hope, love, and joy of Christ. Amen.