



**Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale
First Sunday in Lent ~ Service of Holy Communion
Sunday, March 6, 2022**

PRELUDE

Special Music

Come Follow Me

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**WELCOME AND GATHERING PRAYER
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

VISION STATEMENT (Unison)

We joyfully celebrate Christ's presence and God's grace in our lives. We respect one another in love, actively seeking and embracing those who wish to grow with us in faith, hope, and love. With God's guidance, we minister to the spiritual and physical needs of the community. Through service, we flourish. Amen!

CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from Psalm 91

One: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

All: will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

One: Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,

All: no evil shall befall us; no scourge comes near our tent.

One: For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

All: On their hands, they will bear us up so that we will not dash our foot against a stone.

One: You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

All: God said, Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

All: Lord, we seek to know You better today than yesterday, and we lovingly place ourselves here before You. Help us to open our hearts and minds to You alone. In Jesus' name. Amen!

OPENING HYMN

For The Fruits of All Creation #714

Words: Fred Pratt Green (1970)

Music: Traditional Welsh melody; harm. Luther Orlando Emerson (1906)

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*For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God;
for the gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.*

*In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done;
in our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.*

*For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.*

UNISON PRAYER

O Holy One, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize you in the busyness of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom. In the daily round from sunrise to sunset, Holy God remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, act courageously, and speak from our wisdom. We ask all this in Jesus' name, Amen!

GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

WORDS: Lesser Doxology (3rd-4th centuries)

MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE What is Lent? Pastor Dave

CHILDREN'S HYMN

Jesus Loves Me!

Words: Anna B. Warner (1860)

Music: William B. Bradbury (1862)

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*Jesus loves me, this I know; For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! (3x) The Bible tells me so.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Epistle Reading: Romans 10:8b–13

Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:1–13

SERMON Filled With the Holy Spirit, Pastor Dave

HYMN

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether, #392

Words: Percy Dearmer (1931, alt.)

Music: Harold Friedell (1957); Adap. Jet Turner (1967)

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*Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name,
two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them;
Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now your garment's hem.*

*As disciples used together in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the giver break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya, Alleluya, so now bind our friendship up.*

*All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you,
that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true.
Alleluya, Alleluya, we will serve with faith anew.*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION MEDITATION

LORD'S PRAYER, #307

WORDS: Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)

MUSIC: Albert Hay Malotte, 1935; arr. Donald P. Hustad, 1984

Music 1935 G. Schirmer, Inc. (Admin. by Music Sales Corporation)

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Our Father, which 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, Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(This is spiritually only, if in the Sanctuary: please stay in your places and use the elements in your Communion Boxes.)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Receiving the elements)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

MORNING OFFERING

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

We joyfully offer ourselves in God's work using our time, talent, and treasure.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674

MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

WE PAUSE TO REFLECT AND PRAY

Prayers of the People: You are invited to offer prayers of concerns or joys.

Sharing our joys and concerns

Pastor: God is with you

All: And also, with you

Pastor: Let us pray

PASTORAL PRAYER

SUNG RESPONSE

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

WORDS: Psalm 143:1

MUSIC: George Whelpton, 1897

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*Hear our Prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer O Lord.
Incline thine ear to us, And grant us thy peace. Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

On Eagle's Wings, #77

Words & Music: Michael Joncas (1979)

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*You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in God's shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"*

*And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand.
(And hold you, hold you in the palm of my hand.)*

*The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge,
God's faithfulness your shield.*

*And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand.
(And hold you, hold you in the palm of my hand.)*

*You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come.*

*And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand.
(And hold you, hold you in the palm of my hand.)*

*For to God's angels is given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up
lest you dash your foot against a stone.*

*And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand.
(And hold you, hold you in the palm of my hand.)*

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go in Peace, #445

Words: Barbara L. Waters

Music: Kenneth E. White

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*Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.
Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life!
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.*

RECESSIONAL POSTLUDE

Romans 10:8-13 (NRSV)

8 But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 9 because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. 11 The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. 13 For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Luke 4:1-13 (NRSV)

The Temptation of Jesus

4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. 3 The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” 4 Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

5 Then the devil^[a] led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And the devil^[b] said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. 7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” 8 Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

9 Then the devil^[c] took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10 for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’

11 and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

12 Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” 13 When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.