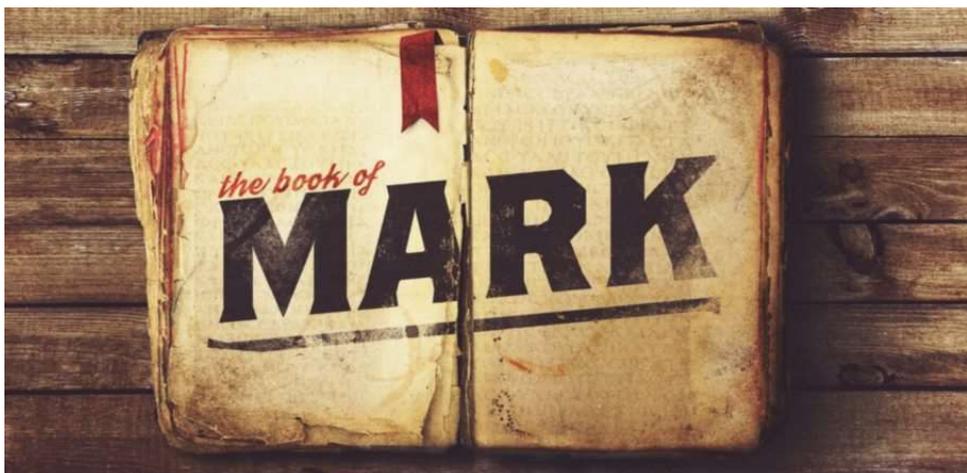




WELCOME TO WORSHIP
MARCH 10, 2019



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:30 am
12:00 noon
1:00 pm

Family Worship Service
Fellowship Hour
Choir Practice

WORSHIP SERVICE

March 10, 2019

First Sunday of Lent

Lent is a forty-day preparation period for Good Friday and Easter which begins on Ash Wednesday and continues through the Thursday before Easter, excluding Sundays. In this penitential season, Christians around the world renew their commitment to prayer (right relationship with God), fasting (right relationship with self), and giving (right relationship with others). These spiritual disciplines slow us down, help us to see the world and our faith in a new way, and lead us toward greater shalom and justice.

We use the color purple in the sanctuary during Lent. The color symbolizes the pain and suffering leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus, but also, as the color of royalty, it anticipates the final resurrection and the hope of newness that will be celebrated in Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

***Opening Hymn: "Majesty"**

***Call to Worship from Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16**

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

If you say, "The Lord is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

"Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

***Hymn of Praise: "How Great is Our God" (#574)**

***God's Greeting**

CONFESSIO

Scripture Reading: Mark 8:27-9:2

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, forgive us. Though you should guide us, we try to lead ourselves. Though you should rule us, we attempt to control ourselves. Though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. For we think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! Without them, we are of all people most miserable. May we never be ashamed of you or your cross. Heal our confused minds with your word, heal our divided wills with your law, heal our troubled consciences with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your Spirit's presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

Hymn of Commitment: "Shout to the Lord" (#603)

ASSURANCE

Scripture Reading: Mark 9:3-29

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of all times and all places, God of the infinite and infinitesimal, in the blazing splendor of your glory you called forth light from darkness, day from night, land from oceans, and life in all its dazzling array from lifeless dust. Among the living you made and called humankind, imprinting your image on us to be bearers of your glory in the world. Though we failed to shine and hid your image within us, you continued to call us into fellowship with you and to fulfill your mission through a people you redeemed for yourself. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. In him we see the fullness of your glory revealed in human form. Born into poverty, he fulfilled his mother's song: that you would fill the hungry with good things and send the rich away empty-handed. Declaring the nearness of your kingdom, he forgave sinners, cast out demons, raised the dead, restored the blind and lame, visited the sick, the prisoners and the needy, and gathered disciples to continue to declare the good news in word and deed,

transfiguring the world in the power of your Holy Spirit. Transform our hearts by faith in this day, that we might believe--being helped in our unbelief--to proclaim your power and glory. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: "What A Mighty God We Serve"

RESPONSE

Scripture Reading: Mark 9:30-37

Children's Message (Suzanne DiLillo)

Offering: Gideons

Offertory

***Hymn of dedication of gifts:** "Lord of All Good" (#879 vs. 1)

PROCLAMATION

Dismissal of Children for Kids Connection

Scripture: Mark 9:38-51 (p. 1057)

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Staying Salty

***Hymn of Response:** "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" (#610)

SENDING

***Blessing**

***Doxology:** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" (#965)

Postlude

Participants:

Minister: Rev. Mark Hofman

Scripture Readers: Carol May, Warren Dole, Suzanne DiLillo

Musicians: Joan DeWindt, Dave & Carol May