



Encouraging faith and proclaiming God's love by Gathering, Growing and Giving

1st Sunday of Lent

Communion Worship

March 6, 2022

This worship is being livestreamed. Your presence in the sanctuary signifies your agreeing to be on our live broadcast.

There is great joy in gathering with one another to lift up praise and thanksgiving to God. We are so glad you have joined in this time of worship, whether online or in-person.

*NOTE: **Bold text indicates worshipers' response**, and *' means please stand as able*

PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME & MINISTRY MESSAGES

GATHERING

* P: In the name of the Father, ✚ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

* P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of you Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*CONFESSIO *All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as we begin.*
In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our Lenten faith journey. **Amen. *Silence is kept for reflection.*** Holy One, **we confess at times we have wandered far from you: we have not always trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of your grace, and have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.**

* FORGIVENESS Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In ✚ Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. **Amen.**

* P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ , the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

* P: In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer their worship and praise. , let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

* PRAYER OF THE DAY O Lord God, **you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

GROWING

The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel. A reading from the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 26.

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where 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. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil 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. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

⁹Then the devil 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, ¹⁰for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

GIVING

*THE APOSTLES' CREED (*professed together*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

*Or, He descended to the dead.

* PRAYERS AND PETITIONS (Pastor: Merciful God, **ALL: receive our prayer.**)

* OFFERING PRAYER God, **there's nowhere we can go where you aren't already waiting: in the farmyards, schoolyards, health facilities, in the places where we live and work, and most especially at the communion table, where your Son has promised to meet us; where he is both Host and Meal. Reveal yourself to us now. Amen.**

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Adapted by Pastor Mary Eide

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* GREAT THANKSGIVING The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

* 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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

* MEAL INVITATION Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

HOLY COMMUNION – *All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the bread and wine are welcome to commune with us. Gluten-free wafers available, and give "thumbs up" for grape juice. Children who do not yet receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing.*

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. **Amen.**

* ANNOUNCEMENTS/BLESSING Go with the blessing of God. Remember that this blessing is with you, no matter the places to which you are called. Be blessed by the name of God **+**, who inspires, inhabits, and ignites us, today and every day. **Amen.** "You Are Here' Sending Prayer for Sundays in Lent" © 2021 by Barn Geese Worship. Used by permission of Barn Geese Worship. Adapted by Pastor Mary Eide

- * Blue#660 SENDING HYMN "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" p. 6
- * DISMISSAL Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way. **Thanks be to God.**
- * POSTLUDE Michelle Young

SCHEDULE

Today	8:45am	- Sunday School
	10:00am	- Communion
	10:45am	- Drive Thru Communion
Monday	7pm	- AA Meeting
Tuesday:	4-6 pm	- Food Pantry
	6pm	- Finance Meeting
	7pm	- Grief Share
Wednesday	6pm	- Soup Supper
	7pm	- Holden Evening Prayer Service
Thursday	7pm	- Prayer Vigil for Peace Ukraine <i>(See corrected info below)</i>
Friday:	10am-Noon	- Food Pantry
SUNDAY:	10:00am	- Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

 PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE *(corrected place and time)*
 First Congregational UCC is hosting a community-wide prayer vigil **7pm Thur., 3/10th**. The church is located at 420 Wilson Ave., Menomonie WI (Behind the BMO building on Main)

ADULT BIBLE STUDY **Wednesday, 3/23 10am** in the basement. We will be studying about **the kingdom of God**...one of Jesus' most talked of topics! On 3/23 we will be working our way through Lesson #2 of 4. *Copies of the first 2 parts of the 4-part study can be found at church or emailed to you.* There are also online videos from the author, Mark Allan Powell, to help introduce himself and the lesson. They can be found at <https://www.gathermagazine.org/resources/>

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER SINGERS needed for Wednesdays in Lent

WEDNESDAY 6pm SOUP SUPPER and 7pm HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER SERVICE **3/9-4/6/22**
 Homemade delicious soups and much more to fill our stomachs, and then worship to fill our hearts! We will be doing this LIVE (and recording) each Wednesday. Sorry...but no Soup Supper this year. We will be posting online a .pdf of the Holden Evening Prayer for those of you who will be worshipping from home and will have a copies available at the church if printing isn't an option for you.

GIVE OF YOUR TREASURE OF TIME...TO FEED THE HUNGRY Sunday, **April 3rd** our congregation will be making the **Community Table** meal in Eau Claire. We need 5-6 people at both shifts (1-3pm and 3-5pm) Sign up at church or contact **Holly Sweeney** if you are interested. **715-456-6960**

The **Elk Mound Community Food Pantry is looking for some donations:** Canned Carrots, Stewed Tomatoes, Soups (NOT tomato or cream of mushroom), Fruit cocktail, Chicken and Beef Broth, Ramen, Stuffing, Suddenly Salad, Juices, Meat, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Soap. These Items can be dropped off during Food Pantry Hours (Tues, 4-6p, Fri 10a-12P), on Sunday Mornings, or by calling at 715-879-5115

When We Are Tested



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
 2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
 3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
 4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
 plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
 trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
 sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
 lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
 teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
 Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

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I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 me; in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

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