

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)**

Gracious and Generous God, we are amazed by the good gifts you bestow in abundance. Thank you for food that sustains us on our journey. Thank you for the company of saints to whom we are joined. Thank you for giving us your work to do on earth. We offer back to you a portion of all that we have received, setting down our baskets in celebration of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN "Break Thou The Bread of Life" #321

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)**

God our help, we thank you for this supper shared in the Spirit with your servant Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings life eternal. We praise you for giving us all good gifts, and pledge ourselves to serve you, even as in Christ you have served us. Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)**

*CLOSING HYMN "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" # 589

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Mary Hurley, *Pastor*
Katie Maurer, *Director of Music Ministry*
Jenny Hammer, *Office Manager*
ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

“What Jesus Did With His Forty Days”



First Sunday in Lent
March 6, 2022
9:00 a.m.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

WELCOME Pastor Mary

PRELUDE

*OPENING HYMN "Were You There?" # 198

*CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Mary

Leader: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

People: The journey begins in the wilderness.

Leader: We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

People: Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us. God's Word is on our lips.

Leader: Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God's will in all things.

People: For God leads us not only into the wilderness, but also through the wilderness.

*INVOCATION (in unison)

God Most High, thank you for signs of your power and grace, shown to us even in the wilderness. Give us courage to stand firm in your Word in every time of trial and testing, that we may enter the land of your freedom and receive the salvation you so generously give; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*RESPONSE— Gloria Patri # 614

MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION Pastor Mary
CALL TO CONFESSION

God is faithful, leading us into freedom, but we are conditioned to the slavery of sin. Comfortable with the way things are, we lose sight of the way God intends them to be. We bring our confession before the One who is more powerful than Pharaoh in Egypt, mightier than the

devil in the wilderness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame, O God. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Scripture declares, The Lord is generous to all who call on God's name. Friends, believe the good news: God does not turn away from us, but desires to bring us into the glorious freedom offered in Jesus Christ. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. **Thanks be to God! (all)**

CONTEMPORARY SONG "The Lord Our God"

SCRIPTURE Luke 4: 1-13 (NRSV)

SERMON "What Jesus Did With His Forty Days" Pastor Mary

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Pastor Mary

Israel came out of the wilderness and into a land flowing with milk and honey. There they were finally able to offer to God baskets full, in joyful celebration. We, too, bring the first fruits of all that God has so generously given us, with joy and thanksgiving.

OFFERTORY "40 Days"
(Maher)

*RESPONSE—Wondrous Love Doxology (see lyric insert)

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