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First Sunday in Lent



**Mark 1:15b “Change your hearts and lives,
and trust this good news!”**

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WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE

PRELUDE: “**Baptized in Water**” Gilbert M. Martin

*CALL TO WORSHIP: -adapted from Ps 25, 1-3

One: To you, O GOD, we lift up the spirit of our whole selves.

All: **O God, we trust unashamedly in you;
seeking that you be not ashamed of us;**

One: May we begin our Lenten journey together in right relationships;

All: **Teach us. Show us. Guide us in your paths.
Grow us to know your ways more clearly.**

One: You are the God of our salvation and the Sustainer of good relations.

All: **For you we wait.**

One: May integrity, a clean conscience, and upright living preserve us.

All: **Amen.**

*HYMN: #275 “**Come Now, Almighty King**”

*CALL TO CONFESSION:

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Creating and Renewing God.

In this Lenten season we each need the opportunity to clear our eyes of the glaze of indifference and apathy. Help us get our minds off distractions, obsessions and self-pity so that we don't feel helpless. Help us to start over. Re-orient head and heart so that we may fill our whole selves with life-affirming activities and thoughts. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#657 "Create in me, a clean heart, O God."

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA: #759**

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,
Three-in-One; As it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT: 1 Peter 3:18-22

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

***GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15**

SERMON: "From Wilderness to God's Kingdom"

***HYMN OF RESPONSE:**

167 "Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering"

PASTORAL PRAYER:

Beginning with a time for silent personal prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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.:

PRAYER RESPONSE: #773 "Remember Me"

**Remember me, remember me,
O Jesus, remember me.**

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES

OFFERTORY: "Jesus, Name above All Names"

Naida Hern

***DOXOLOGY: #780**

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**God of all bounty and blessing, receive our lives
and our gifts to be bounty and blessings to you,
our church, and the world. Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN:**

#597 “Shall We Gather at the River”

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: “Postlude in C” George Blake

**“Our Worship has ended –
Now our Service begins.”**