

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, You gave Your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the Godly life. Enable us to receive Him always with thanksgiving and to conform our lives to His; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

HYMN: "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" #141 Red

THE APOSTLES' CREED: #881 Black

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

BENEDICTION

**ST. DAVID'S (SHERMAN'S) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

March 6, 2022

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

WORDS TO PONDER

With God's help temptation is able to be resisted

WELCOME

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We call upon You, O God; hear our prayer.

People: We raise our voices in glad adoration.

Leader: You have brought Your people out of bondage; You ministered to Jesus when He was tempted by Satan.

People: You know when Your people are afflicted, and understand their estrangement when they are alone and dismayed.

Unison: We pause along our journey of faithfulness to bow down before You and worship Your name.

HYMN: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" #304 Red

CALL TO CONFESSION

We who have wandered far from God instead of following in the paths where God directs us often find ourselves in difficult places. We have made harmful decisions and avoided difficult choices. We are not all that God has created us to be. God is with us to draw us back into a vital relationship in which we can realize more of the possibilities within us and in our shared life as a faith community. Let us confess our need.

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God of our ancestors, we confess our attempts to play God as we manage things for our advantage. We rely on our own wit and wisdom instead of seeking spiritual depths. We imagine that our hungers can be satisfied by bread alone. Forgive us, God, for the chasms we create, cutting us off from sisters and brothers and from You. Save us from ourselves we pray. Hear our silent prayers of confession.

TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

UNISON ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Paul writes that “if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Savior and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” John writes that “if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” Friends, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

HOLY SCRIPTURES: Psalm 91:1–2, 9–16, Luke 4:1–13

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME

SERMON: “Temptation”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE 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 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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world, You gave Your only Son, that all those who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to You for the salvation You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy supper.

UNISON COMMUNION PRAYER

God of deliverance and freedom, You taught the people of Israel to acknowledge that all things come from Your bountiful hand. Deepen our faith so that we may resist temptation and, in the midst of trial proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, now and forever. AMEN

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

Behold our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life through the gospel. Blessed are those who are called to the banquet of the Lamb.