

Fairview United Methodist Church
First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

11:00 a.m.

*Please rise as you are able or in your hearts.

**Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for
worship.

****PRELUDE** “Wondrous Love” (Roberta Siebert) – Chancel Bells

WELCOME AND INVITATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: When Jesus was in the wilderness, he was tempted to save himself.

People: We often look for the good things for ourselves first, before the well-being of others.

Leader: Jesus was offered salvation if he turned stones to bread; if he accepted wealth and power; if he tested God’s commitment to him.

People: In all these things, Jesus remained strong in his commitment to God.

Leader: May our commitment be as strong.

People: May our lives be placed in God’s caring hands throughout our journey.

ALL: AMEN.

***GATHERING HYMN** “My Jesus, I Love Thee”

UMH # 172

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

“A Lenten Creed” (The Order of Saint Columba)

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.

We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.

We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God

who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.

We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.

We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.

We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.

This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ.

Amen

***GLORIA PATRI**

“Glory Be to the Father”

UMH # 70

CHOIR ANTHEM

“I Am Not Afraid”

by Martin/Larson

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

PRAYER CHORUS

“Lord, Have Mercy”

TFWS # 2277

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL: God of our weary years, lift us up and guide us forward,
when we are tired beyond words.**

Pour your grace into our souls,

when we give in to temptation

and stray where we were never meant to go.

Shepherding God, guide us back to you

and show us the path home.

In hope and gratitude, we pray, AMEN.

PRAYERS OF PETITION

After each petition, we enter into the prayer together with these words:

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy,

People: Hear our Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN OF PROCLAMATION**

“Jesus, Tempted in the Desert” TFWS # 2105

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 4:1-13

SERMON

An Opportune Time

Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

OFFERTORY “O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus” Jerry Van der Pol

***DOXOLOGY** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH # 95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***SENDING HYMN** “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” UMH # 269

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“O Zion, Haste”

James Walch

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are given by Florence Carwell to the glory of God and in honor and loving memory of her parents Ruth and Quinton Clemens.

ACTIVITIES – MAR. 10 – MAR. 16

Monday, March 10

Pantry – 9:00 A.M.
SPRC 6:00 P.M.

Tuesday, March 11

UWIF Leadership Team Mtg. 10 A.M.

Wednesday, March 12

Renewal Hour Bible Study 3:30 P.M.
Pantry 6:00 P.M.

Thursday, March 13

Chancel Bells 6:30 P.M.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15 P.M.

Friday, March 14

Pantry 9:00 A.M.

Saturday, March 15

Emma Murray Prayer Breakfast
Corinthian Baptist Church 9:30 A.M.

Sunday, March 16

Adult Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Worship Service 11:00 A.M.

Church Staff

Pastor

Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

Administrative Assistant

Carol McDougle

Director of Music

Michelle Forshaw

Church Musician

Michele Delduca

Treasurer

Fred Poland

Pantry Resource

Coordinator

Donna McCoy

Audio Visual Technician

Roger Christian

Toddler Room Attendant

Oscar Ndayisaba

Church Custodian

Vance Garner

TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS

Worship Leader

Cecelia Long

Greeters

John & Lilia Shoemaker

Trustee

Dave Puderbaugh

Toddler Room Assistant

Susie Kurtz

VAN DRIVER FOR MARCH 16

Van Request: Art-- 937- 727-2626

To ride the van, you must make your request the day before or you will not be picked up!

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

- [Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18](#)
- [Psalm 27](#)
- [Philippians 3:17-4:1](#)
- [Luke 13:31-35](#)

PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayer ministry after worship each Sunday.
For those who have special prayer requests,
please see someone from the Prayer Ministry
in the Narthex.

Pastor Neil will be out of office March 17 – April 6. In case of an emergency please contact the church office.

Admin. Assistant Office Hours:

Mon. - Fri. 9:00 – 1:00 pm

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