

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
Consecration Sunday**

March 1, 2009

10:50 AM

A trilogy of dramatic events in Mark's Gospel involves Jesus' baptism by John, his testing in the wilderness, and his preaching the gospel. Each event is significant because of what it implies for us: Those who follow Jesus will be cleansed of their past. They will be filled with the Holy Spirit, and sustained when put to the test. They will dwell in God's time, a time of new life. The message rings clearly: Repent and believe; God's reign is at hand!

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available in the Educational Wing.

WELCOME/MEDITATION

All are asked to complete the attendance register in the pew and pass it along to each person. Please indicate any prayer concerns also to be given to the ushers during the offering.

Prelude *Meditation on "Wondrous Love"* **Colvin**

***Call to Worship**

Lift up your souls to the Living God, who enters into covenant with us.

We wait on our Maker, trusting God's kindness and seeking to know God's ways.

Raise your eyes to behold the risen Christ, who triumphs over death and destruction.

In Jesus Christ we renew our commitment to share the good news of God's realm.

Attune yourselves to the Holy Spirit's gifts and leave behind the wilderness of despair.

The Spirit sets us free from limits of the flesh, from bondage to sin and decay.

*** Hymn** *What Wondrous Love Is This* **Page 292**

***Invocation**

*** Hymn of Praise** *God Is So Good* **TFWS 2056**

PROCLAMATION

New Testament Lesson *1 Peter 3:18-22* **N. T. Page 234**

Peter links the death and resurrection of Jesus with the story of Noah's flood and the sacrament of baptism..

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of the People

***Hymn** *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* **TFWS 2112**

***Gospel Lesson** *Mark 1:9-15* **N. T. Page 34**

Immediately after his baptism, the Spirit drives Jesus into the desert for a period of testing surrounded by wild animals, Satan, and ministering angels – all to prepare him to declare the good news of the kingdom of God.

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Message

The Cost of Survival in the Wilderness

Rev. Charles Swadley

RESPONSE

Offertory Prayer **Unison**

Let us pray: **We remember your steadfast love and mercy, which have removed our shame and drawn us into covenant with you, O God. Through these offerings we give thanks for your patience and loving-kindness. Direct these gifts toward the realization of your purposes for us. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Offertory Anthem *Love, Mercy and Grace* **C. Austin Miles**

***Doxology** **Page 95**

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

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving **Page 18**

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 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Consecration of Covenant Cards

SENDING FORTH

***Hymn** *Let Us Break Bread Together* **Page 618**

***Commission and Blessing**

Go forth to live as covenant people this week, for God is everywhere present and available.

We would be led in God's ways, devoting ourselves to self-examination and growth.

Reenter the everyday world, where Jesus walked, learning from the example lived among us.

We dare to walk in the power of Christ's resurrection, claiming our baptism as God's beloved children.

Rejoice in the Spirit's empowering gifts, for God will enable your ministry.

Thanks be to God for opportunities to make a difference in the world! Amen.

***Benediction/Benediction Response**

***Postlude** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* **arr. Held**

***Please stand as you are able. Hearing devices are available (special loops for hearing aids). Large print bulletins are now available. Please see an usher for assistance**

Welcome! We are so pleased that you have chosen to worship with us on this day. Your presence is an encouragement and inspiration to us. Let us celebrate our faith and offer our thanks and praise to God for the blessings He has bestowed upon us. If you desire to join our church, please speak to Rev. Charles Swadley or Rev. Bruce Lake. Membership occurs with Profession of Faith or a Letter of Transfer from another United Methodist Church or other Christian Church.

The **Flowers** on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of John and Louise Rooker, John serving as class president for many years and Louise for her playing the piano, by members of the Unity Bible Class. The **pink carnation** on the altar is to celebrate the birth of Mckenzie Swadley, born on Thursday, February 26, 2009. Mckenzie weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was 20 ½ inches long. and is the daughter of Bob and Kelly Swadley, the sister of Brady, granddaughter of Charles and Sue Swadley and niece to Grace. The **Lay Readers and Communion Servers** are Ned and Brenda Custis. The **Crucifer** is Jess Wade. **First Response Team:** Dina Giese and Vicky White. The **Greeter** is Norma Pitts. The **Lay Speaker** is Butch Kelchner.

Today, March 1, 2009, is the beginning of Lent, a period or time of sacrifice. We consecrate in Worship this morning our sacrifice of support for LUMC ministries in response and love with that of Jesus. During the service each of us will have the privilege to establish our individual support through a personal covenant with God. Take a moment to fill out the covenant card to establish your personal covenant with God. Seal your covenant in the envelope and address the envelope to yourself. Then, at the time of Consecration, bring your self-addressed envelope forward to place in the baskets held by the youth. The Pastor will then bless these covenants. The following week your self-addressed sealed envelope will be placed in the Narthex Mail Box. Pick up your self-addressed envelope and take it home to place in a sacred area as your reminder of your covenant with God.

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