**March 6, 2022**

**First Sunday of Lent**

**Communion Sunday**

~ You are welcome to make yourself at home in our worship –

to join us in singing and prayer, to sit quietly, to cry or to laugh. ~

**Gathering...***in God’s Presence*

**Prelude** *Toccata Septima,* FrescobaldiPhil Rinehart

**Introit** *What Wondrous Love*, Traditional FCCB Choir

**Welcome** Rev. Joseph Perdue

**Call to Celebration** David Hoadley

Jesus went to the mountaintop to pray.

**Jesus went into the city to heal.**

Jesus walked to Samaria to extend love.

**Jesus went to the water’s edge to teach.**

Jesus went to places of peace and connection,

**but Jesus also went to the wilderness.**

There is nowhere we can go that God does not walk with us.

**We are in God’s house. Let us worship Holy God.**

**Gathering Prayer** David Hoadley

**Hymn of Praise** *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah* **\***

**Call to Reconciliation** David Hoadley

**Prayer of Confession** David Hoadley

Holy God, when we think that expansive life is about power

**Teach us a new way.**

Gracious Creator, when we think that expansive life is about material wealth

**Teach us a new way.**

Gracious Author, when we think that expansive life is about control

**Teach us a new way.**

Teach us to live as you live.

**Teach us to love as you love.**

Forgive us when we don’t.

**Gratefully we pray, amen.**

**Words of Forgiveness** Rev. Joseph Perdue

**Morning Prayers & Silence** David Hoadley

**The Lord’s Prayer** David Hoadley

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.

**Receiving...***God’s Word for us*

**Anthem** *Lenten Meditation*, J. AlthouseFCCB Choir

**Scripture Reading** *Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Luke 4:1-13* David Hoadley

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**  *Full to The Brim…Even in the Desert* Rev. Joseph Perdue

**Hymn of Reflection** *When We Are Tested* **\***

**The Sacrament of Communion**

**Invitation**

**Communion Prayer**

May the God of overflowing grace be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us bring our hearts to God.

**We offer them to God who fills them with life.**

With songs on our lips and in our hearts, let us praise God.

**We sing of what we believe, offering thanksgivings from our hearts.**

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**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of abundant and extravagant grace. Our hearts overflow with joyous praise to you because of your overflowing love**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who came as your love embodied.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

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**Christ died, trusting in your continued presence;**

**Christ was raised, the first fruits of resurrection;**

**Christ will come making no distinction, but welcoming**

**all into that kingdom overflowing with mercy and hope.**

**Words of Remembering**

**Prayer of Consecration**

**Sharing the Elements** *Bread of the World*, D. Eliot  FCCB Choir

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Communion Hymn** *We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name (Come Share the Lord) \**

**Responding*...****to God’s Love*

**Life Among the Believers** Rev. Joseph Perdue

**Mission Moment**

**Call to Offering** David Hoadley

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**Offertory**  *Full to The Brim* Katie Jones

**Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Dedication** Rev. Joseph Perdue

**Hymn of Dedication** *Even in the Desert \**

**Benediction**  Rev. Joseph Perdue

**Benediction Response** *Lenten Meditation*, J. Althouse FCCB Choir

**Commissioning** David Hoadley

And All God’s People said **Amen!**

**Postlude** *Canon,* BuxtehudePhil Rinehart