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Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please sign the fellowship pad*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

We worship the Lord our God alone.

*OPENING HYMN *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!* #41

CALL TO CONFESSION

Happy are those whose sin is forgiven, who no longer suffer in silence, but name their sin and seek God's grace. Let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. You know our sins. We confess that we have disobeyed your word, denying your providence and care and relying on our own cleverness. Have mercy on us, we pray: cover us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life, and re-create us in your image; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

(Prayers continue in silence)

SUNG RESPONSE *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* #471

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Happy are those whose sin is forgiven! Be glad in the Lord and shout for joy; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *Be Still, And Know That I Am God* David Lantz

TIME WITH CHILDREN Children are invited to gather up front
(Children ages 0-2nd grade are invited to the childcare room. All others are invited to stay in worship with their families)

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silence, my body

wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

New Testament Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

*HYMN *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* #166

SERMON "Turning to God" Rev. Marta Ukropina

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Responding to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*SUNG RESPONSE *Glory Be to the Father* #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending of God's Word

*CLOSING HYMN *What Wondrous Love Is This* #215

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

indicates those who are able may stand. Congregational responses are in **bold...*

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Youth, Jr. Youth Group & Elementary – Let's go BOWLING! TODAY, **Feb 26th** at 2:00pm join us at Emerald Lanes Bowling. Remember, friends are always welcomed! Cost is \$10 each. Pick up and drop off at the Bowling Alley.

Lenten Small Group- Join us Mondays during Lent at 7PM for a Lenten Small Group led by Martha Zaborowski. We will be using Donald McKim's book, *Living into Lent*. The book offers daily readings and reflections and centers us in God's Word using the Spiritual Practice of Lectio Divina.

After serving Westminster for seven years as our facilities director, **Chick DeLaitre** will be completing service at the end of this month. Plan to thank Chick and wish him well during coffee time following worship today.

The **2023 Nominating Committee** is beginning its work, and is asking for your help. Starting this **Sunday, February 26**, church members are invited to make suggestions for elders and deacons using the nomination forms found as an insert in Sunday's bulletin. You can submit these forms into the Nominations Box in the narthex anytime over the next three Sundays, with a loose deadline of Sunday, March 12th. We will need six new elders and six new deacons this year, so if nominated, please consider serving in one of these important roles.

Next Sunday, **March 5th** both youth groups will meet at church for some **Youth Sunday Planning**. Jr Youth will meet from 5-6:30 and Youth from 6-7:30

Youth Sunday is April 30th--save the date!

Today our youth groups are kicking off their **Lenten Mission Project**: Assembling Hygiene Kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Please see the bulletin insert for detailed information. All donations are due to the church by Sunday, March 19th so the youth can assemble the kits. Thank you for your support and for helping those who have found themselves struck by disasters in our world.

Invitation to an Adult Class- "*The Ten Commandments*" and Jesus' "*Sermon on the Mount*" are two of the best-known parts of the Bible--known both in the church and in the wider culture, as guides to how to live in relation to fellow people and to God. They are widely honored, but Christians have had different ideas about how to interpret and apply them, and especially how to relate those two standards to each other. In this class we'll explore their texts and structures, their connections in and beyond the Bible, and ways that different Christians have understood, related, and used them. The class will meet on Sunday mornings after worship, from **March 12** through May 7 (except April 9, Easter), with Jack Maddex leading.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday 2/26/2023

10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Coffee Hour : Farewell Reception to Chick DeLaitre
11:15 am John Mahon's Adult Bible Study (Meeting Room)
2:00 pm Kids, Jr. Youth & Youth Bowling at Emerald Lanes
5:00 pm AA Meeting (Meeting Room)

Monday 2/27/2023

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Meeting
7:00 pm Lenten Study with Martha Zaborowski

Tuesday 2/28/2023

9:00 am Preschool
11:00 am WPC Knitter's (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday 3/01/2023

8:00 am Men's Breakfast Group at Countryside Pizza & Grill
9:00 am Preschool
9:15 am Preschool Chapel
10:30 am Pioneer Quilters (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday 3/02/2023

9:00 am Preschool
9:15 am Preschool Chapel
9:30 am Townscape Walkers (contact Julia Frederick for location)

Friday 3/03/2023- Church Office Closed

9:00 am Preschool

Saturday 3/04/2023- Church Office Closed

Leading in worship today:

Pastor: Rev. Marta Ukropina
Music Director: Michael Mercatante
Usher/Greeter: Roger Keady, Keith Barr, Sue Martichuski
Counters: Sandi Ash and Karen Young
Coffee Hour: Farewell to Chick DeLaitre

Next Sunday:

Pastor: Rev. David Ukropina
Music Director: Michael Mercatante
Usher/Greeter: Jim Salerno, Doug Schaaf, Teri Yerton, Larry McKaughan
Counters: Arlis Wozniak and Julia Frederick
Coffee Hour:

Do you love music? Do you want to meet new friends or get to know other church members better all while having fun? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then choir may be for you! All experience levels are welcome--all that is required is a willingness to come and sing! Choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 7PM in the sanctuary. Teenagers through adults are welcome. Come join us as we sing our praises to God through song. Questions? Contact WPC Music Director Michael Mercatante: Michael@wpceugene.org



1st Sunday in Lent
February 26, 2023
10:00 am

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