

SENDING FORTH

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND MEMBERSHIP

†HYMN "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" (see insert)
tune: SPIRITUAL

†BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Since Jesus Came into My Heart" Mr. Kirkpatrick
setting: David Smither

† You are invited to stand as able. UMH-United Methodist Hymnal TFWS-The Faith We Sing Supplement
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The flowers on the altar are dedicated
to the Glory of God in honor of
Maureen Pera
from a friend.

Today's service will be broadcast
Feb. 28, 2010
WREC 600 AM, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
Given in honor of
St. Luke's Ministries.

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Feb. 21, Companions for the Journey
Gather in the Hospitality Hall at 6:45pm
Worship in Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm



Wednesday Evening Fellowship

Dinner at 5:45, Programs 6:30 - 7:20

Fellowship Gatherings and Adult Fitness Opportunities

Feb. 24 - March 24: Lenten Bible Study led by Pastor Mark

Please call the church office by Monday noon for dinner reservations.

"The Sanctuary for Lent"

Lenten devotional books are now available.
Please pick up one per family.

They are located on the chancel rail and at the
Hospitality Desk.

UMW Mission Fund Raiser

An Afternoon at the Theatre

Sunday, March 7, 2:30 p.m.

Poplar Pike Playhouse

Parade

See any UMW member for your ticket

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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FEBRUARY 21, 2010, 10:50 A.M.
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



**When the devil had finished every test,
he departed from him until an opportune time.**

Luke 4:13

Mission Statement

"We are becoming a faithful community of disciples striving
to share the heart, mind and hands of Jesus Christ."

Dr. R. Mark Matheny
Rev. Shirley G. Lynn
J. G. Walker, III
Wes Kirkpatrick

Senior Pastor
Special Associate for Pastoral Care
Director of Music
Organist

SERVICE OF THE WORD

February 21, 2010, 10:50 a.m.

First Sunday of Lent

THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR PRAISE

GATHERING

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY

PRELUDE

“Arise, My Soul, Arise”

setting: Dale Wood

Wes Kirkpatrick, *organ*

INTROIT

“Jesus to the Wilderness”

text and music: Michael Bedford

Chancel Choir

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to this time of covenant renewal.

The God of our salvation greets us here.

**We dwell in the shadow of the Most High
and abide under the shadow of the Almighty.**

Surely God is with us.

We can hear God calling our names.

Remember Christ’s journey in the wilderness.

Recall God’s steadfast presence.

**Guide us now that we may walk
through the wilderness of this world.**

Let us worship God.

†HYMN

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

UMH 269

tune: LAND OF REST

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PSALTER

Psalms 91: 1-2, 9-16

UMH 810

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As Lent unfolds before us, great God, we see how far we have to go to Jerusalem. The road is long, our sins are heavy, and our burdens hold us down. We can’t imagine new life, Easter life, because our current lives are filled with bad choices and failed efforts. Our transgressions are ever before us. Meet us in our weakness. Take up our sins. Ease our burdens. Carry us on the way. Bring us to Jerusalem, at last. Show us a love that is stronger than death, a love no tomb can hold. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE

“Glory to God”

Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory in the highest. (*congregation responds*)

To God be glory forever. (*congregation responds*)

Hallelujah. Amen. (*congregation responds*)

WORD AND WONDER

“Jesus Loves Me”

Beth Masters

CALL TO PRAYER

“Spirit of the Living God”

text and music: Daniel Iverson

Chancel Choir

MORNING 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 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.

MORNING OFFERING

“Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise”

setting: Larry Shakley

†DOXOLOGY

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

UMH 94

tune: OLD ONE HUNDREDTH

†HYMN

“Jesus, Tempted in the Desert”

TFWS 2105

tune: EBENEZER

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4: 1-13

ANTHEM

“A Lenten Walk”

Chancel Choir

text: American spiritual setting: Hal H. Hopson

*Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself;
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself.*

*We must walk this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves;
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us, we have to walk it by ourselves.*

*Jesus bore the cross of sorrow; he had to bear it by himself;
Oh, nobody else could bear it for him, he had to bear it by himself.*

*We must take our cross and follow; we must take it by ourselves.
Oh, nobody else can follow for us, we have to follow by ourselves.*

SERMON

“Opportune Times”

Dr. R. Mark Matheny