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1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

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WELCOME to all who are visiting today! Our greatest desire is to share that wonderful message of forgiveness and eternal salvation for all in Jesus' name. We pray you will be drawn closer to Christ as the Holy Spirit nurtures us through God's Word in this service. Before you leave, please, take time to sign our guest register in the entrance way, and we hope you will join us every week as we gather as God's family in worship.

8:00am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC + WELCOME

SONG: "Come into the King's Chambers"

O come into the King's chambers and worship before His throne. O come into the King's chambers, and His glory shall be shown. O come into His holy presence and magnify His name. O come into the King's chambers; you will never be the same.

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"Holy Ground"

(Exodus 3:5 "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.")

1. This is holy ground. We're standing on holy ground. For the Lord is present and where He is is holy. This is holy ground. We're standing on holy ground. For the Lord is present and where He is is holy.
2. These are holy hands. He's given us holy hands. He works through these hands and so these hands are holy. These are holy hands. He's given us holy hands. He works through these hands and so these hands are holy.

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"Holy Ground"

(Heb 12:22 But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly,)

We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around. Let us praise Jesus now. We are standing in His presence on holy ground.

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INVOCATION

LENTEN SELF-EXAMINATION:

P. The first Commandment is:

C. YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.

P. What does this mean?

C. WE SHOULD FEAR, LOVE, AND TRUST IN GOD ABOVE ALL THINGS.

P. Who is the only true God?

C. THE ONLY TRUE GOD IS THE TRIUNE GOD; FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT, THREE DISTINCT PERSONS IN ONE DIVINE BEING.

P. When do people have other gods?

C. WHEN THY REGARD AND WORSHIP ANY CREATURE OR THING AS GOD; WHEN THEY BELIEVE IN A GOD WHO IS NOT THE TRIUNE GOD; WHEN THEY FEAR, LOVE, OR TRUST IN ANY PERSON OR THING AS THEY SHOULD FEAR, LOVE, AND TRUST IN GOD ALONE; AND WHEN THEY JOIN IN THE WORSHIP OF ONE WHO IS NOT THE TRIUNE GOD.

P. What does God require of us in the first Commandment?

C. GOD REQUIRES THAT WE FEAR, LOVE, AND TRUST IN HIM ABOVE ALL THINGS. WE FEAR GOD ABOVE ALL THINGS WHEN WE REVERE HIM ALONE AS THE HIGHEST BEING, HONOR HIM WITH OUR LIVES AND AVOID WHAT DISPLEASES HIM. WE LOVE GOD ABOVE ALL THINGS WHEN WE CLING TO HIM ALONE AS OUR GOD AND GLADLY DEVOTE OUR LIVES TO HIS SERVICE. WE TRUST IN GOD ABOVE ALL THINGS WHEN WE COMMIT OUR LIVES COMPLETELY TO HIS KEEPING AND RELY ON HIM FOR HELP IN EVERY NEED.

P. The second Commandment is:

C. YOU SHALL NOT MISUSE THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD.

P. What does this mean?

C. WE SHOULD FEAR AND LOVE GOD SO THAT WE DO NOT CURSE, SWEAR, USE WITCHCRAFT, LIE, OR DECEIVE BY HIS NAME, BUT CALL UPON IT IN EVERY TROUBLE, PRAY, PRAISE, AND GIVE THANKS.

CONFESSION OF SINS: (Spoken together. From Psalm 130)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE: *(Adapted from Psalm 130)*

P. All you who are burdened, put your hope in the Lord Jesus Christ!

C. FOR WITH THE LORD IS UNFAILING LOVE.

P. With him is full redemption!

C. HE HIMSELF WILL REDEEM US FROM ALL OUR SINS. AMEN!

GLORIA PATRI + KYRIE + GLORIA: *(Sung, TLH p. 6-9)*

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. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Glory be to God on high. And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 2:7-9,15-17; 3:1-7

7 the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. 8 Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. 9 And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. 15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.” 1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’” 2 The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” 4 “You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman. 5 “For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” 6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.” 4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: ” ‘He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’” 7 Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.” 10 Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’” 11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

RESPONSE: *(From Hebrews 12:2)*

P. Oh, come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

C. THE AUTHOR AND PERFECTER OF OUR FAITH,

P. Who for the joy set before him,

C. ENDURED THE CROSS, SCORNING ITS SHAME, AND SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE THRONE OF GOD.

HYMN: #360 “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” vs.1,3,5,7

SERMON: Romans 5:12-19 **“By One Man...”**

(A sermon outline with the Scripture reading is printed in the bulletin to aid your meditation on God's Word)

OFFERTORY: *(Sung, TLH p. 12)*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit with me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

THE OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP

(Please sign book at end of pew.)

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER: *(Spoken together)*

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 and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

HYMN: #46 “On What has Now been Sown”

ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE
PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF MARCH:
March 13th and 27th – 10:30 Service

Romans 5:12-19

“By One Man...”

12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned— 13 for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law. 14 Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come. 15 But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! 16 Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. 17 For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. 18 Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men. 19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

1. What did Adam's disobedience bring into the world?
2. Why is Adam's influence on the world worse than Hitler's?
3. Who else sinned when Adam sinned? (Hint: It's not just Eve!)
4. What's the danger in believing God is unfair for charging Adam's sin against us?
6. What would we be if we never committed a single sin in our life?
7. Why do we baptize babies?
8. Besides Adam, who's the only other person who's had an influence on all of mankind?
9. What kind of life does Jesus make possible for us as our Savior?
10. What does the Holy Spirit remind us of so our appreciation for Jesus does not dwindle?