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February 21, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

10:30 AM

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Let those whom God has established in Christ receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in their hearts!

P: Seal, O Christ, with your sign of promise all who say “Amen!” to the glory of God!

L: Let those whom the Lord has formed into a people declare the praise of the Creator God!

P: In Christ, every one of God’s promises is “Yes!” Jesus, our Lord, has authority to save!

L: Let those to whom God has given the gospel of forgiveness tell the world of the mercies of the Lord!

P: Truly, the glory of the Lord is with us! Truly, our God is about to do a new thing!

L: Let us worship God!

HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

Norton Hall Band

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, be gracious to us and heal us, for we have sinned against you and against one another. We have wasted opportunities in fear of failure, wasted energies in fruitless pursuits, and wasted resources in thoughtless excesses. We have failed to call upon you as you would have us do. Do not let evil triumph over us, O God. Blot out our transgressions for the sake of your name and your new creation, that we might honor you with right sacrifices and declare your praise! Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

L: The Lord has sent redemption to the people. God has commanded the old and new covenants, and is ever mindful of our need for forgiveness.

P: The Lord is gracious and merciful, providing Jesus Christ, the bread of life, the true vine, as food and drink for those who fear God and confess their need for salvation.

L: Know that it is for you that Christ has died. It is for you that Christ has risen. It is for you that Christ will come again. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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.

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

ANTHEM

When God Ran

Philips, Craig, & Dean

NT LESSON

Luke 15:11-32

SERMON

The God Who Ran

The Rev. Dr. Evan R. Smith

HYMN

His Mercy is More

Shane & Shane

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

PRAYERS

PRAYER CONCERNS

Kay Mader
Martha Wilkerson
Nita Wimer
Earl Flower
Amanda Harris
Family of David F. Miller

SHUT-INS

Brannock Easley
Tim Clemmer
Earl & Jean Flower - Legacy

BIRTHDAYS

25 Kathy Holsinger
Jaidon Snyder
26 Andy Easley

ANNIVERSARIES

None

IN THE MILITARY

Cole A Smiley, Army - Grandson of Nita & Woodie Wimer
Scott Dice – Son of Melissa and Harry Dice
Nick Dubyk – Grandson of Betty and the late Willis Clemmer
Christopher Todd – Grandson of Ralph and the late Ruth Weller
Matthew Witcofsky – Son of Janet and Joe Witcofsky

QUICK REMINDER

Please call the Church Office (885-8159) if you or someone in your family goes into the hospital. This is the only sure way that we will know of your situation, so visits and other support can be given.