

# Order of Worship

First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

The liturgical color is purple symbolizing the season of self denial.

*We lift up prayers for the community, our church family, staff, ministers,  
and for the work of Christ in the world.*

**Prelude** "When in the Hour of Utmost Need" arr. J.M. Bach

**Call to Worship** "Change My Heart"  
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.  
You are the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.

**Welcome** Rev. Dr. George K. Howle

\* **Opening Hymn** "Holy, Holy, Holy" UMH #64

\* **Affirmation of Faith**  
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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\* **The Gloria Patri**  
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.

**Pastoral Prayer** Bishop Gary Rivas

**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.

**Children's Message** Julia Brooks

\* **Hymn of Preparation** "Seek Ye First" UMH #405

\* **Sermon Text** Luke 4:1-13 Larry Gates **8:30**  
Davis Hussey, Jr. **11:00**

Jesus returned from the Jordan River full of the Holy Spirit, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. There he was tempted for forty days by the devil. He ate nothing during those days and afterward Jesus was starving. The devil said to him, "Since you are God's Son, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus replied, "**It's written, People won't live only by bread.**" Next the devil led him to a high place and showed him in a single instant all the kingdoms of the world. The devil said, "I will give you this whole domain and the glory of all these kingdoms. It's been entrusted to me and I can give it to anyone I want. Therefore, if you will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered, "**It's written, You will worship the Lord your God and serve only him.**" The devil brought him into Jerusalem and stood him at the highest point of the temple. He said to him, "Since you are God's Son, throw yourself down from here; for it's written: He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you and they will take you up in their hands so that you won't hit your foot on a stone. Jesus answered, "**It's been said, Don't test the Lord your God.**" After finishing every temptation, the devil departed from him until the next opportunity.

**Anthem** "40 Days" Matt Maher  
Grant Nesmith, *Guitar*

**Sermon** "Temptation" Rev. Howle

\* **Closing Hymn** "He Leadeth Me" UMH #128

\* **Benediction** Rev. Howle

**Postlude** "Shall We Gather at the River?" arr. Brent Edstrom

(\* Please stand as you are able.

**“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
 Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
 casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
 Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
 which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
 though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy;  
 there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.  
 Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

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**“Seek Ye First”**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
 and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find;  
 knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

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**“He Leadeth Me”**

He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
 What e’re I do, where’r I be, still ‘tis God’s hand that leadeth me.

*He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me;  
 his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.*

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden’s bowers bloom,  
 by waters still, o’er troubled sea, still ‘tis his hand that leadeth me.

Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor ever murmur nor repine;  
 content, whatever lot I see, since ‘tis my God that leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the victory’s won,  
 e’en death’s cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me.

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**Forty Days** to wander, forty days to die to self. Forty days to grow stronger as faith breaks open the gates of hell. The jubilee is over, but grace is far from gone in the hearts of the faithful, broken on the wheels of love. ‘Cause in the desert of temptation lies the storm of true conversion where springs of living water drown and refresh you. And as the Jordan pours out change your true self is all that remains where springs of living water bind and break you. Forty days to remember the Paschal sacrifice. Forty days to discover his passion calls us to new life. The Jubilee is over, but mercy’s far from gone in the arms of the Father as the wayward child comes home. (Matt Maher)

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The **Flowers** that beautify our sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Hilda Rambeau Crocker on her birthday, February 27th, by Teresa Crocker.

**Flowers are needed for the following dates: Mar 7, 21.** To place flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Jennifer Julian in the church office, 843-448-7164 x207 or [jennifer@fumcmb.org](mailto:jennifer@fumcmb.org).

We welcome those visiting with us today and pray that you will experience the presence of Christ in our worship together.

Sunday Worship may be viewed Live on Facebook at 8:30AM or on the website ([www.fumcmb.org](http://www.fumcmb.org)), on our mobile app, or on FOX TV Sundays at 10AM on channel 7 (one week delay).

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**Assisting in Worship****Ushers**

**8:30** Harry Branton, Jerry Champion, Greg Clemmons, Ronald Eldridge, Judy Hall, Roger Hall, Jack Rebeck, Toby Ward

**11:00** Neal Bowers, Preston Bowers, Daniel Schuler, Annette Willett, Ed Williett

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