

Welcome to 10:55 ALIVE!

February 17, 2013

GATHERED FOR GOD

Gathering Songs: Sing 185, 53
Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Come, O people, and gather before God!

For the Lord calls his people to live in freedom and forgiveness.

* Hymn 66 (Sing) "For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession and Kyrie (Sing 53) *followed by silent confession*

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response (Sing 74)

***Surely it is God who saves me! I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
And God will be my Savior.***

LISTENING FOR GOD

Prayer for Understanding

Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:1-13 (NT, p. 41)

A Time with Children

Musical Moment "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" arr. Helgen

Epistle Lesson: Galatians 1:1-24 (NT, p. 187)

Sermon: "Pleased to Reveal His Son"

Rev. Bill Carter

Sermon Series: Galatians for Lent

RESPONDING TO GOD

* Hymn 280 (PH) "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

* What We Believe and Want to Believe

We will be Alive to God!

We will be Alive to Each Other!

We will be Alive to the World's Pain.

We will be Alive to the Spirit's Power.

Prayers of Silence, Prayers in Voices, and the Lord's Prayer

Offering Ourselves

Special Music

"Adagio from Sonata I"

Mendelssohn

* Response (Sing 215)

***Take, O take me as I am. Summon out what I shall be.
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me!***

* Prayer of Thanks

GO WITH GOD'S BLESSING

* Hymn 81 (PH) "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

"Toccatina Brevis"

Penfield

* All who are able shall stand.

PH Presbyterian Hymnal **Sing** Sing! A New Creation (green songbook)

The flowers this morning have been given by Alma Herron to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lewis R. Malsberger.

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor

Director of Music

Organist

Liturgist

Ushers

Rev. Bill Carter

Susan Kelly

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Kathleen Shedlock

Bill Farrell, Carole LaCoe



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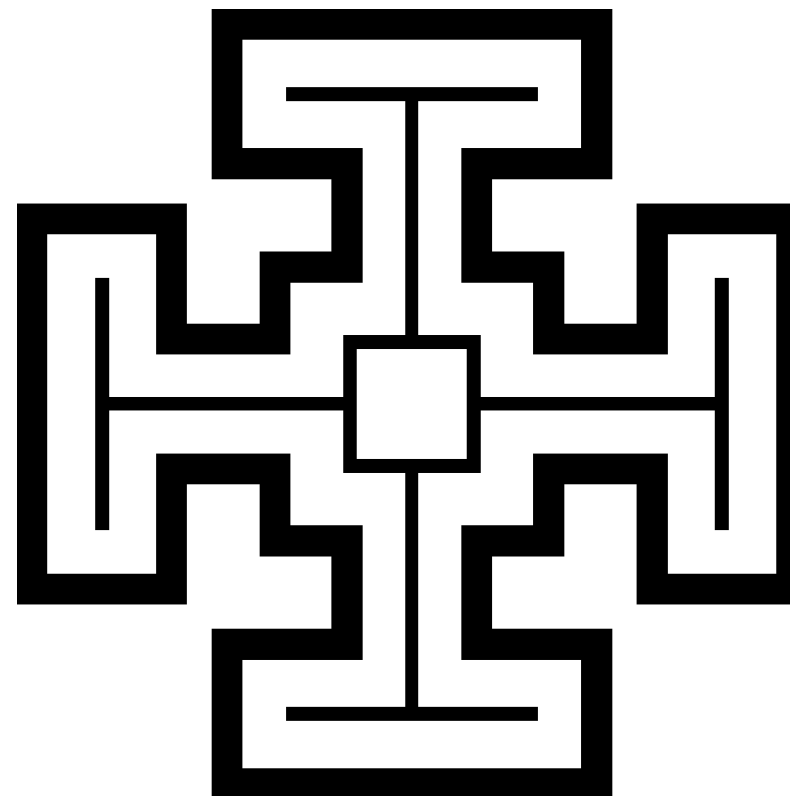
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First Sunday in Lent

10:55 AM

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Galatians 1:1-24

Paul an apostle—sent neither by human commission nor from human authorities, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead— and all the members of God’s family who are with me, To the churches of Galatia: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are confusing you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to what we proclaimed to you, let that one be accursed! As we have said before, so now I repeat, if anyone proclaims to you a gospel contrary to what you received, let that one be accursed!

Am I now seeking human approval, or God’s approval? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ. For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a

revelation of Jesus Christ. You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord’s brother. In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; they only heard it said, “The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy.” And they glorified God because of me.