

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023

11:00 A.M.

TIME OF GATHERING: Read through Announcements, Pray over Concerns, Meditate on Celebrations and the wonder and grace of God, and Thanksgiving to God....

**Please sign the red pads and pass it onto the next person in your pew.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude on *Terra Beata*

Mark Thewes

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Lent is not a time for making ourselves miserable; rather it is for taking stock and resetting our aims for following Christ.

**People: Loving God, in you we trust, let us never fool ourselves.**

Liturgist: Lent is an opportunity for healthy repentance; repentance for our indifference in face of the permeating evil of the world, repentance for personal sins which we have glossed over as "mere foibles."

**People: According to your loving kindness, remember me, God of goodness and saving grace.**

Liturgist: Lent is a time for joy: the exhilaration that comes from defying temptations, from turning our face to the light that shines on the narrow path of Christ Jesus, from walking into adverse winds and enjoying small victories day by day.

**People: Make me to know your ways, O God, teach me your paths, for you are the God of my salvation and my true happiness.**

\*HYMN

*How Can We Name a Love*

No. 111

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

Unison: **We have gathered here, loving God, to mark the season of Lent, as we continue our journey to the cross. We have gathered to repent of our sins. We have gathered to be in the presence of one another, where we can draw strength, knowing that wherever two or three of us are gathered, you are present among us. Guide us throughout these forty days as we journey deeper into your embrace, and as we journey to the cross, let us put to death those things that**

**separate us from each other and from you. May we know your presence is always with us, the power of your transformative love is within us, and may we know that your grace surrounds us and goes before us. In the name of Jesus, our companion on this journey of faith, we pray. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 4:1-14

Liturgist: The Word of God for God's people.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

*Come, Come Unto Me*

Ken Dosso

MESSAGE

*"You Are Beloved"*

*Pastor Janet Sattel*

\*HYMN

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

No. 480

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

+Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

Wilbur Held

\*Congregational Response

Tune: *Hendon*

*Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.*

*Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

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INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

Confession and Pardon (unison)

**Gracious God, we are aware that we have too often stayed away from the wilderness and avoided times of trial. We have relegated sacrifice to the duty of Christ alone. We have been reluctant to take up our cross and follow you. We have been content to remain in our comfort, rather than venture out to where you call us - whether it be the wilderness, or the streets, in the hospitals or the prisons. When we have neglected prayer, been apathetic in worship, found reasons to avoid generosity, or lacked compassion: have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. When anxiety has eroded the gift of Your peace, and when we have cared too much about what others think: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.**

(All pray in silence.)

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION see screen for words

GREAT THANKSGIVING

sung responsively to the tune RESTORATION (*Come Ye Sinners Poor & Needy*)

*The elements are distributed by the ushers so that we might receive communion in the pew.*

*Please hold the elements until instructed to receive, that we might commune together as one table.*

*(Gluten free wafers are available - please let an usher know if you are in need of one.)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION sing together:

**We will arise and go to serve you  
Blessed by what we've shared today  
At the table of our Savior  
God, you've given us new life!**

\*HYMN *Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love* No. 422

\*BLESSING FOR LENT

Pastor: Remember that all of life is held together with nails that have pierced flesh of the Son of Man, crucified on the cross, in order that the power of sin and death are forever ended.

**People: We remember and give thanks.**

Pastor: Remember the bread of life broken for us that we may eat and be filled with the abundance of life; the blood of Christ poured out for us, and the deep wounds of love he suffered for us.

**People: We remember and give thanks.**

Pastor: Remember ashes on foreheads, and kneel with humbled hearts and repentant spirits, remembering that we are dust, but God's love knows no end.

**People: Let us take up our cross and follow Him, believing that in Christ all things work together for good.**

**All: We remember and give thanks.**

\*ORGAN RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE *Prelude in C minor* Johann Sebastian Bach

\*All stand if possible +All kneel or sit to pray



Reverend Janet Sadel, Lead Pastor

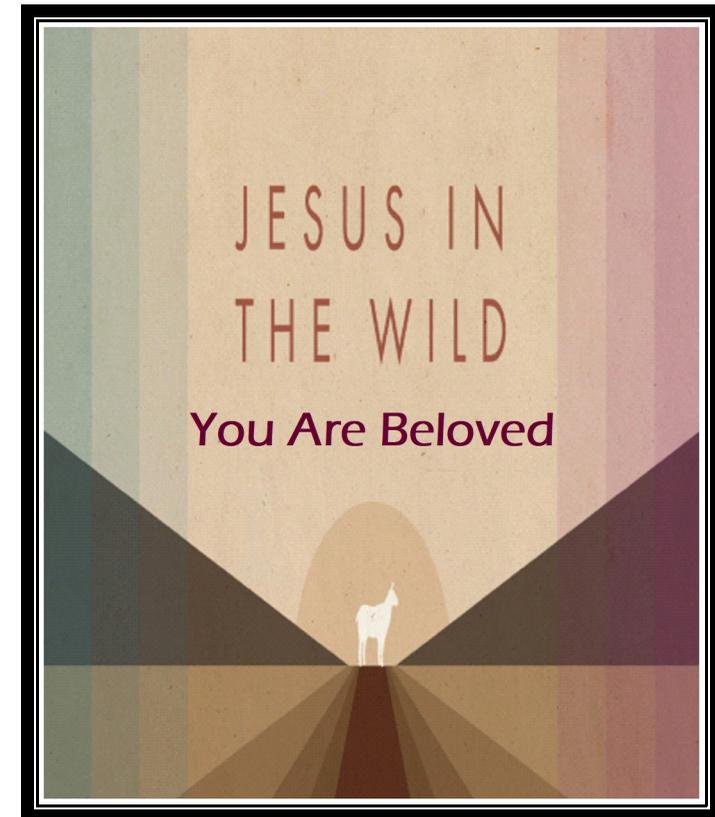
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## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

### *Celebration of Faith*



March 5, 2023

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11:00 A.M.

1500 Quentin Road / Lebanon, PA 17042  
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Sermon Outline:

LENTEN SERMON SERIES - Week 2  
JESUS IN THE WILD: You Are Beloved  
Luke 4:1-14 - Rev. Janet Sattel

The devil is not equal with God; he is a created being and thus is less than God.

He is devious and seeks to destroy us by pulling us away from God, away from our identity as God's beloved.

Because of all that Jesus did for us on the cross, we are worthy of God's love. There is nothing we can do to earn this love nor take it away.

This is our identity: we are his beloved. Receive God's love in all its fullness, allow God's love to sink into our souls.

There is only one love that will satisfy like none other, because we were created for this love – the great love of God.

You are God's beloved child. You are his daughter; you are his son. It is essential that we get this right. Until we know who we are and whose we are, we are not equipped for the battles in life. We're working out of the wrong foundation.

Our Belovedness in God is our core and our purpose in life, to be like Christ, to be God's child.

The devil will twist and distort our image. He is the Accuser, and he will try to warp and twist how you see yourself until you lose your identity in Christ. We are equipped to fight this fight because of who we are – we are the Beloved, and whose we are – we are children of the heavenly king.

The world cannot tell us and will not tell us the truth, only the warped images that destroy our identity in Christ. We have such a precious gift from God, the life that our creator God has given to us is a gift.

Scriptures to memorize: 1 John 4:4; Romans 8:39; James 4:7; Acts 17:27b-28

**Mission Statement for the Church of the Good Shepherd**

We are committed to:

- ▶ Connecting persons to Jesus Christ
- ▶ Connecting with broken and hurting people
- ▶ Challenging persons to grow and celebrate their relationship with Jesus Christ
- ▶ Equipping persons and partnering with them to serve in God-powered ministry

Calendar for Week of 3/5/2023

SUNDAY

8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]

11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]

4:00 - CR Step Study [Lounge/Choir rm]

5:00 - COGS family Bible Jeopardy [Hall]

Youth Grades 6-12 please see Youth Page in the Announcements

MONDAY

10-12 - Staff Meeting

6:00 - CR Praise Team Rehearsal [WC]

6:00 - Private [Sanctuary]

7:00 - Staff Parish Relations meeting [lounge]

TUESDAY

8:30-1:00 - FFA [Ed wing]

11-1:30—Free Noon Meal [LCCM}

6:30 - Book Study [Forge rm]

7:00—Board of Trustees [Hall]

WEDNESDAY

8:30-11:30 - MLLC [rms 200/202]

7:00 - Celebrate Recovery

7:00 - Traditional Choir Rehearsal [Sanctuary]

THURSDAY

5:00 - Contemporary Design Team

5:30 - Traditional Design Team

6:30—Book Study [Rm 21]

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

6-8 - Open Art Night [Hall]

1-3 - Private [Hall]

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Thank you to all those who helped  
with the service this morning.  
Liturgist: Pastor Cody Young