

The Worship of God

March 15, 2020 · 10:45 am · Third Sunday of Lent

GATHERING as God's Children

We gather to worship this morning in the midst of growing concern regarding the pandemic virus, COVID-19. In an effort to minimize risk of spreading infection and to protect the most vulnerable among us, we will be making efforts to reduce physical contact. Please refrain from hugging or shaking hands. Instead of signing the friendship registry or filling out guest cards, please send any updated contact information or requests for church information to office@fbcpendleton.org, or call the church office at 864-646-3913.

In these uncertain times, may we remember...

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1)

Prelude **Jesus, Lead Thou On** Paul Manz

Welcome and Invocation Jennifer Rygg

Call to Worship **O God, My Joy** Paul Keew

The candles on the altar table remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World. The six purple candles represent the weeks of Lent, as purple is a color of repentance and of royalty. As the candles are lit, we prepare to worship Jesus as our King and to repent of the ways in which we fail to make Him King of our lives.

++ Hymn of Praise **No. 361 My Jesus, I Love Thee** GORDON

RECEIVING the Word of God and RESPONDING to God in Worship and Service

Scripture Reading **James 1:2-4, Mark 11:27-33, 12:13-34** Kim Burgess
(pages 980 & 824 of pew Bible) John Morse

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Today, on the 3rd Sunday of Lent, we extinguish three purple candles to represent how some of the light Jesus brought into the world was put out by those who did not fully understand and accept Jesus.

The Lord's Prayer John Morse

**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.**

++ Offertory Hymn **No. 366 O God Beyond All Praising** THAXTED

++ Offertory Prayer Kim Burgess

Offertory **He Will Hold Me Fast** Keith Getty

Giving an offering is an act of worship. Instead of passing the offering plates, please choose one of the following methods for making an offering:

- Give online at www.fbcpendleton.org (choose "give now" from the menu) OR onrealm.org/fbcpendleton/-/give/how
- Text the word **FBCPENDLETON** to recipient **73256**.
- Bring your offering forward and place it in the offering plate on the altar.
- As you leave the sanctuary at the end of the worship service, a deacon or usher will be at each door with an offering plate where you may place your offering.

++ Offertory Response **No. 706 The Doxology** OLD 100TH, alt.

During the Doxology, children are invited to gather at the front of the sanctuary.

Children's Sermon Jennifer Rygg

After the children's sermon, children ages 4 - 2nd grade depart for Children's Chapel.

Anthem **If Ye Love Me** Tallis
Sanctuary Choir

Sermon **"Testing, Testing..."** Jennifer Rygg

++ Hymns of Response **No. 178 How Deep the Father's Love** TOWNEND
for Us (v. 1 and 3)
At the Cross (v. 1) Tomlin, Myrin, Redman

During the hymns of response, those who desire to follow Christ as Savior, to renew their relationship with God, to unite with this church, or to seek prayer are invited to speak to the pastor at the back of the sanctuary.

GOING Into the World

Announcements and Pastoral Benediction Jennifer Rygg

Meditation

You are the light of the world...let your light shine. (Matthew 5:14,16)

As the candles are extinguished, the flame is carried from the sanctuary, reminding us of our call as disciples to carry the Light of Christ into the world.

++ Benediction Hymn No. 362

I Love You, Lord

I LOVE YOU, LORD

++ Congregation is invited to stand. Those who prefer may remain seated.

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In the event of an emergency, an AED is located across from the church office.

Worship Notes

Children and Worship: Children of all ages are welcome to join us for worship. If you would like a separate space to nurse or sit with young children during the service, the church library (located behind the sanctuary in room 209) has a rocking chair. The service can be heard through the hallway speakers.

Nursery care is available in room 102 for children ages 4 and younger.

Children's Bulletins are available at the sanctuary entrances.

Worship Bags are available in front of the first pew on each side of the sanctuary. Please take a bag at the beginning of the service and return it to the hook at the end of the service.

Children's Sermon takes place after the Doxology. Children of all ages are invited to gather at the front of the sanctuary. Following the children's sermon, children ages 4 - 2nd grade may be dismissed to Children's Chapel.

Children's Chapel meets in room 215. Children exit after the Children's Sermon and return to the sanctuary during the hymn of response.

Sermon Series on Mark will continue throughout the season of Lent.

3rd Sunday of Lent, Mar 15 **Questioning Jesus** **Mark 11:27-33, 12:13-34**

4th Sunday of Lent, Mar 22 Great Commandment Mark 12:28-44

Lenten devotional resources are available on the table outside the church office.

every member a minister

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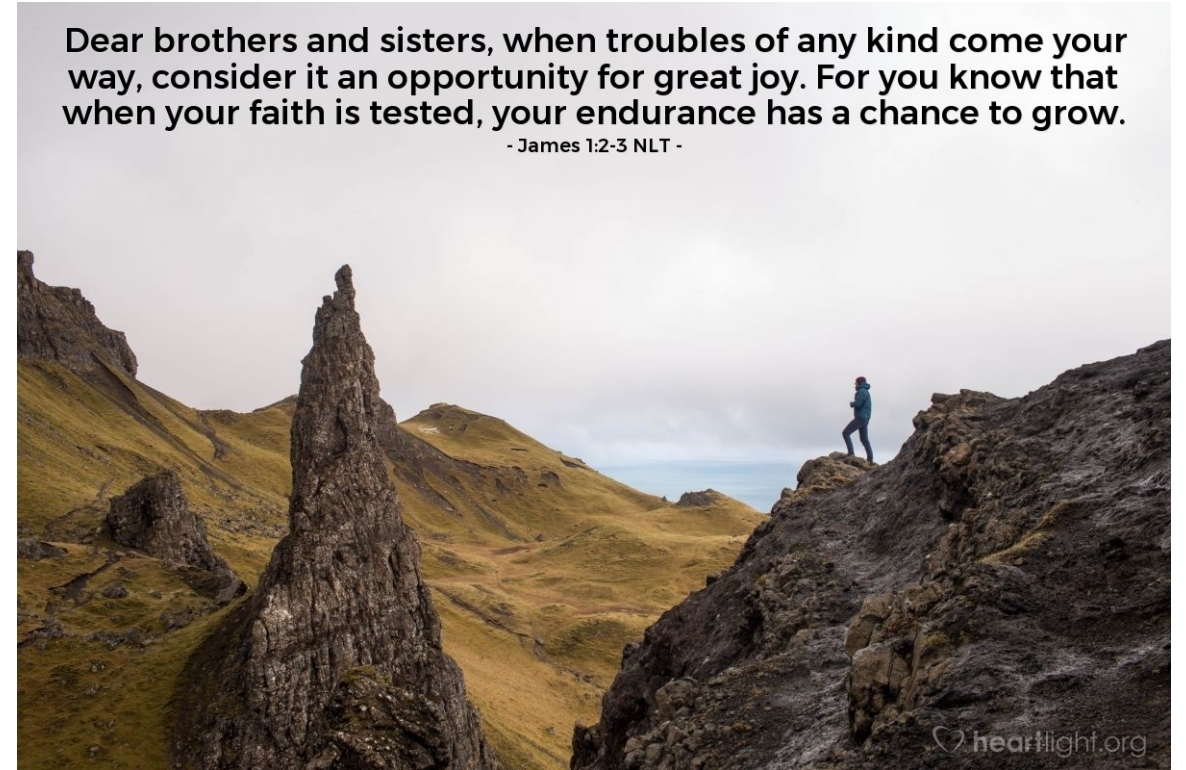
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Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.

- James 1:2-3 NLT -



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