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Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

1st Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God of abundance,
we sail on your deep unknown.
We let down our nets of prayer
into the depths of your mystery
and we haul up your grace.
In the silence, we wait.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE What Wondrous Love Is This Paul Mantz

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP Vince Leseney

Relax the tension in your jaw,
for Christ is here.
God never stops seeking us.
We have been found.
Let us find God in return.
Let us worship the God of deep waters.
Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE Forty Days and Forty Nights Hymnal, No. 167

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us pray:
Loving God,
You call us by name.
You join us in the deep waters of life.
You invite us to drop our nets and follow you,
and yet, more often than we'd like to admit, we are like Peter.
Over and over again, we stand slack jawed and surprised
to find you in our midst.
Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own.
Forgive us for assuming that we can tackle deep waters by ourselves.
Forgive us for forgetting that you will never stop climbing into our boat.
Turn our hearts, our minds, and our spirits toward you,
for you are the Lord our God, and it is in your name that we pray.
Amen.
(Time of silent reflection)

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

*SONG OF RESPONSE Dear Lord and Father of Mankind(v. 1) Hymnal, No.169
Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Charlotte Lovett

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 25:1-10

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 5:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

Jesus Sought Me

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

You Sought Me

Bulletin p. 6

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Col. 1:15-20

I believe in a God of abundance—

**a God who sees possibilities where I cannot,
and who holds onto hope when I am at the end of my rope.**

I believe in a God who comforts—

**a God who says, "Do not be afraid;"
a God who joins me in life's deep waters.**

I believe in a God who invites—

**a God who says, "Follow me,"
and, "You will be fishers of people."**

I believe in a God who seeks after me relentlessly and persistently—

**a God of second chances and boundless mercy;
a God who calls us by name.**

We believe.

Help our unbelief.

In Christ's name we pray.

Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

*Please pray the Lord's Prayer
in the language and wording most familiar to you.*

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (v. 3) Hymnal, No. 475

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG O Love How Deep How Broad How High Hymnal, No. 618

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

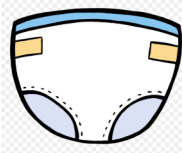
*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE O mein Jesu, ich muss sterben John Behnke

*Please rise in body or spirit.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

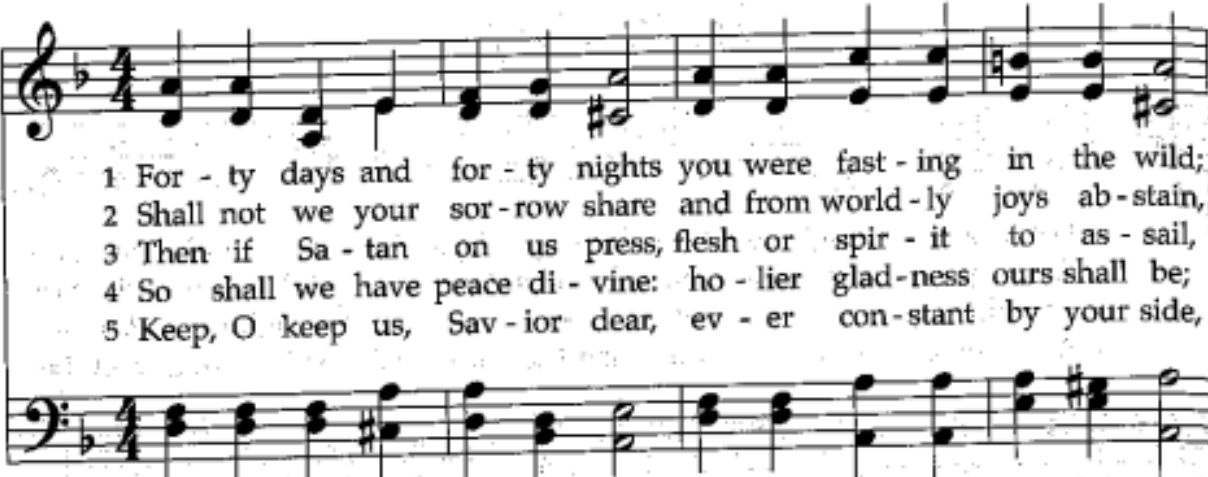
Lectionary Readings for February 25: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9.



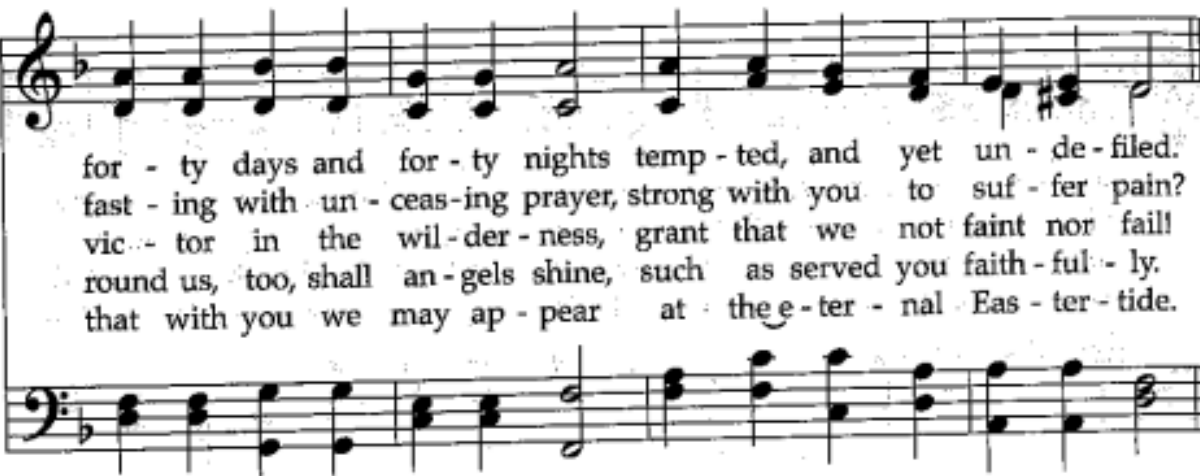
Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

Our congregation is joining Presbyterian congregations around Oklahoma in providing diapers of all sorts and sizes to vulnerable neighbors. All donations will be given to local agencies. Please bring diapers of any size to the church by February 25. Thank you!

167 Forty Days and Forty Nights



1 For - ty days and for - ty nights you were fast - ing in the wild;
2 Shall not we your sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, flesh or spir - it to as - sail,
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5 Keep, O keep us, Sav - ior dear, ev - er con - stant by your side,



for - ty days and for - ty nights temp - ted, and yet un - de - filed.
fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with you to suf - fer pain?
vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant that we not faint nor fail!
round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as served you faith - ful - ly.
that with you we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

You Sought Me

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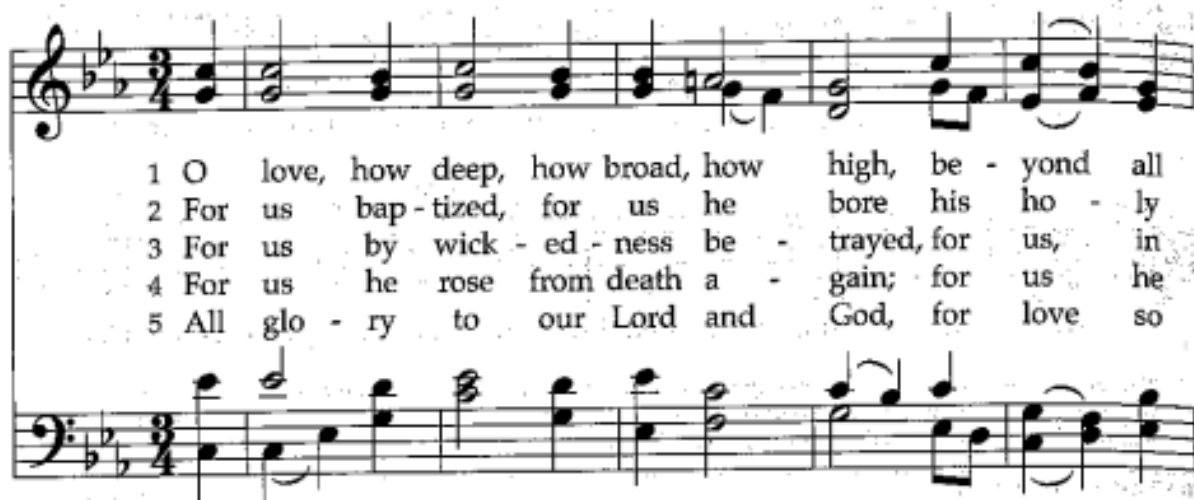
My bones and head were bent down low When you
A chance en - coun - ter by the lake I thought
I tried to tell you, "Leave me be - I'm not
When I be - gin to doubt my worth Re - mind

ap - proached me on your own You sought me out and
this must be some mis - take That some - one wrapped in
sure what you see in me." And yet you chose my
me I was formed from earth The ve - ry good cre -

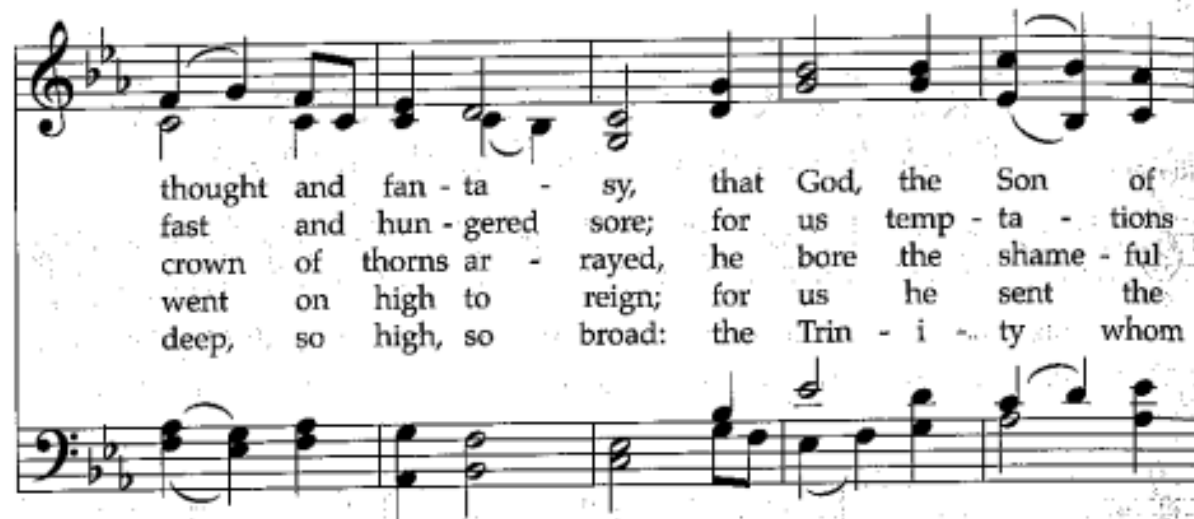
called my name My life would nev - er be the same
ho - li - ness Would will - ing - ly em - brace this mess
net to fill With all my faults you call me still
a - tion of My God who seeks me out in love

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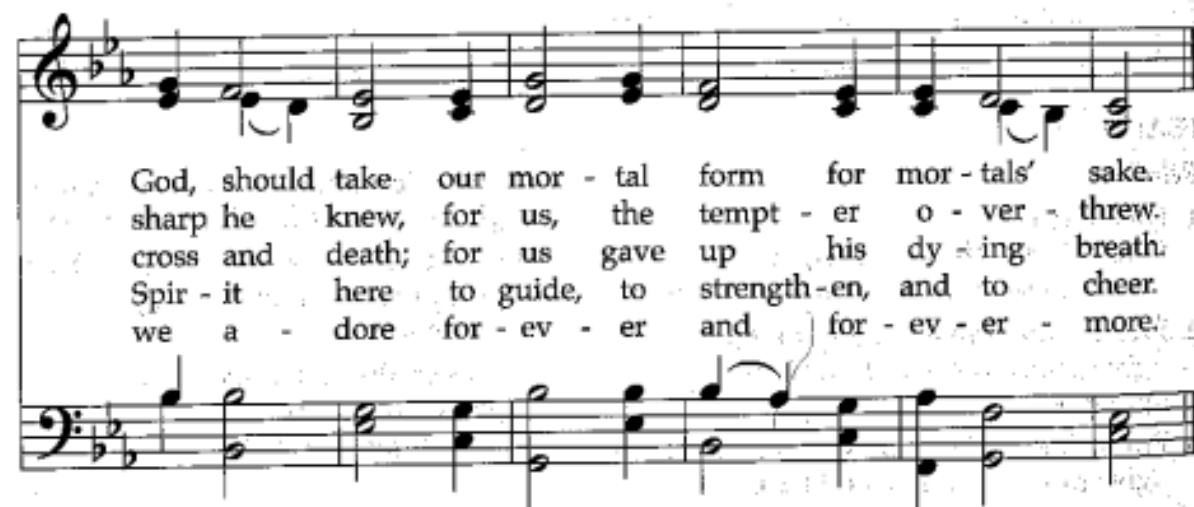
O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us by wick - ed - ness be - trayed, for us, in
 4 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 5 All glo - ry to our Lord and God, for love so



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
 crown of thorns ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 went on high to reign; for us he sent the
 deep, so high, so broad: the Trin - i - ty whom



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 sharp he knew, for us, the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 Spir - it here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 we a - dore for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.