

Miami – Prelude

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Osawatomie – Prelude

“Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place”

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Paola – Prelude

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Announcements

Osawatomie – Ringing the Chimes

Call to Worship

Leader: Remember the story of our faith.

People: We are the people God has delivered.

Leader: Rejoice in the hope of our faith.

People: God goes with us, step by step.

Leader: Cling to the promise of our faith.

People: Our God will not abandon us.

ALL: Let us worship God together!

Glory to God Hymn # 166 – Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

We are called to confess

The journey of life inevitably leads to wilderness, times marked by guilt, frustration, and the sense that we are not in the right place. But even in the wilderness, God is with us. Even in the wilderness, God’s mercy is sure.

We confess our sins to God and one another

As Lent unfolds before us, great God, we see how far we have to go to Jerusalem. The road is long, our sins are many, and our burdens are heavy. We can’t imagine new life, Easter life, because our current lives are filled with bad choices and failed efforts. Meet us in our weakness. Take up our sins. Ease our burdens. Carry us on the way. Bring us to Jerusalem, at last. Show us a love that is stronger than death, a love no tomb can hold.

Time for silent, personal confession

We receive the assurance of pardon

Walking this earth, facing temptation, defeating sin, Jesus has done for us what we could never do for ourselves. This is good news!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Glori Patri

Passing the Peace

Message for the Young at Heart

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S GOOD NEWS

We Pray Together, the Prayer of the Day

God Most High, thank you for signs of your power and grace, shown to us even in the wilderness. Give us courage to stand firm in your Word in every time of trial and testing that we may enter the land of your freedom and receive the salvation you so generously give; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Today’s Scripture Reading:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Luke 4:1-13

Liturgist

Pastor Paul

Reflecting on Scripture – Sermon Title: “Test Key”

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Special Music

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“Come, Christians Join to Sing”

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Sharing Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People/The Lord’s Prayer (Please use debts and debtors)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Call to stewardship

Israel came out of the wilderness and into a land flowing with milk and honey. There they were finally able to offer to God baskets full, in joyful celebration. We, too, bring the first fruits of all that God has so generously given us, with joy and thanksgiving.

We ask for blessings on our tithes and offerings

Gracious and Generous God, we are amazed by the good gifts you bestow in abundance. Thank you for food that sustains us on our journey. Thank you for the company of saints to whom we are joined. Thank you for giving us your work to do on earth. We offer back to you a portion of all that we have received, setting down our baskets in celebration of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

We Affirm Our Faith Together

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God’s reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God’s message of reconciliation and shares God’s labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

Invitation to the Table

Leader: This is the table to which Jesus invites us! Let us participate joyfully!

Words of Institution

A great feast is prepared for us—the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ. God’s grace overflows for us—the cup of promise and blessing that we share in Christ the Lord. Come to the table. Come to the feast.

We partake of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Giving God, living Lord, you have fed us with your body. You have poured out your life that we might live. We thank you, for we have tasted your goodness in this meal. Fed, we are strengthened; filled, we are renewed to share the abundance of your love with a hungry world. Amen.

WE RESPOND AND GO IN GOD'S NAME

Glory to God Hymn #215 – What Wonderous Love Is This

Charge & Benediction

Closing Response

“Go ye now in peace and know that the love of God will guide you...Feel his presence here beside you, showing you the way...go ye now in peace, go ye now in peace.”

Postlude

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