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Seems Like We Are in the Wilderness

Sunday, March 13, 2022

Second Sunday in Lent

Pastor Todd Layton

Isaiah 41:8-14

Matthew 4:1-11

Peterborough United Methodist Church

Welcome! **If you are a first-time guest** please fill out our digital welcome card bit.ly/pumcwelcomecard.

~Wiggling is appropriate & welcome. **Responsive parts in bold.** *Those able are invited to stand in praise.

PRELUDE

Organist

~INTROIT

WELCOME

Pastor

This is the day the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

~*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

L: The earth shakes, the mountains quake -- tempting our hearts to fear.

P: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

L: Rivers overflow their banks – too far away to quench the wildfires, yet we remember

P: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

L: When our children are away from home and out of our sight, we take comfort in knowing

P: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

L: Whether we have reached the end of our days or the end of our diagnoses, we rest in the truth that

P: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

A: God, you alone are our refuge; you alone are our strength. We look to you in these troubling times.

~*HYMN Great is Thy Faithfulness UMH 140

1 Great is Thy faithfulness O God my Father

There is no shadow Of turning with Thee

Thou changest not Thy compassions they fail not

As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be (Chorus)

2 Summer and winter And springtime and harvest

Sun moon and stars In their courses above

Join with all nature In manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness Mercy and love (Chorus)

3 Pardon for sin And a peace that endureth

Thine own dear presence To cheer and to guide

Strength for today And bright hope for tomorrow

Blessings all mine With ten thousand beside (Chorus) *(continued...)*

(...continued) Chorus:

**Great is Thy faithfulness Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning New mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me**

~*OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

Dear God, please give me strength when I am weak, love when I feel forsaken, courage when I am afraid, wisdom when I feel foolish, comfort when I am alone, hope when I feel rejected, and peace when I am in turmoil. Amen

~*APOSTLES CREED

UMH 882

Liturgist

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**universal

~CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor

~ANTHEM

Choir

But you, Israel, my servant,
 Jacob, whom I have chosen,
 the offspring of Abraham, my
 friend;
 you whom I took from the ends of
 the earth,
 and called from its farthest
 corners,
 saying to you, "You are my servant,
 I have chosen you and not cast
 you off";
 do not fear, for I am with you,
 do not be afraid, for I am your
 God;
 I will strengthen you, I will help
 you,
 I will uphold you with my
 victorious right hand.

shall be ashamed and disgraced;
 those who strive against you
 shall be as nothing and shall
 perish.
 You shall seek those who contend
 with you,
 but you shall not find them;
 those who war against you
 shall be as nothing at all.
 For I, the Lord your God,
 hold your right hand;
 it is I who say to you, "Do not fear,
 I will help you."
 Do not fear, you worm Jacob,
 you insect Israel!
 I will help you, says the Lord;
 your Redeemer is the Holy One
 of Israel.

Yes, all who are incensed against
 you

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

JOYS & CONCERNS

Pastor

Joys: Gracious Lord, **bless this joy.**
 Concerns: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor

~THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895 Pastor

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom
 come,
 Thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
 against us.
 Lead us not in to temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
 Amen.**

OFFERING *Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness*

Liturgist

*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

Liturgist

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

~*PRAYER OF DEDICATION UMCDiscipleship.org

Liturgist

Generous God, as we travel this Lenten journey, allow us to walk beside Jesus as he makes his journey into Jerusalem. As we offer our gifts this morning, may it be our way of saying we won't turn away from the problems and conflicts of this world; but like Jesus, we will walk toward them. All we take for the journey is the compassion, mercy, and sacrifice that he carried—moving toward what waited in the Holy City. We journey in Christ's steps and pray in Christ's holy name. Amen. (Luke 13:31-35)

~*HYMN Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling verses 1, 2, 4 UMH 348

1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling

Calling for you and for me

See on the portals He's waiting and watching

Watching for you and for me (Chorus)

2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading

Pleading for you and for me

Why should we linger and heed not His mercies

Mercies for you and for me (Chorus)

4 O for the wonderful love He has promised

Promised for you and for me

Tho we have sinned He has mercy and pardon

Pardon for you and for me (Chorus)

Chorus:

Come home come home

Ye who are weary come home

Earnestly tenderly Jesus is calling

Calling O sinner come home

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

MESSAGE *Seems Like We Are in the Wilderness*

Pastor

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Pastor

~POSTLUDE

Organist

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Pastor: Pastor Todd Layton
Liturgist: Jeff Hipp
Children's Moment: Susan Lindquist
Choir: Wendy Dunning
Organist: Gene Brochu
Production: Hiel Lindquist



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING:

**all times in Eastern Time*

Sun 11a **Worship service** online via YouTube or in-person
Tue-Thu 9a-12 **Office Hours**

March 15 **Easter Altar Flowers** orders due
March 27 3p **Hundred Nights Tailgate Dinner**

UPCOMING

April 8 7p **Open Mic Night** doors open 6pm
April 10 **Easter Basket donations due**
Apr 14 7p **Maundy Thursday** in-person and online
Apr 15 4:30p **Good Friday Prayer Walk @ Marlow UMC**
Apr 17 11a **Easter Sunday** worship in-person and online

EVENTS:

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Sunday Worship 11 am

in-person, 43 Concord St, Peterborough
streaming on YouTube <http://bit.ly/joinpumcyoutube>
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Join us online or in-person at 11 am ET on Sunday

We are delighted to welcome you to our service.

Please be aware the ambient mic will pick up on conversations in the sanctuary.

If you use a hearing aid with bluetooth (or headphones) you can connect directly to our audio with the Listen Everywhere app on your smartphone.

If you would like a headset please see an usher.

If you are new to PUMC and want us to have your contact info go to bit.ly/pumcwelcomecard.

We have a weekly email and a monthly newsletter. You can sign up on our web site. bit.ly/subscribepumc.

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FOOD OFFERING:

For the foreseeable future, drop off food offerings at the church. There is a large deck bin at the side entrance of the church (bottom of the ramp) with a sign. Just drop your bag of pantry goods in the bin and make sure the lid is closed tightly. Our next congregational offering will be delivered to **Jaffrey Food Pantry**.

SEND US YOUR JOYS:

We are looking for photos or videos of your joys. Joy files should be either .jpg images or .mp4 video. Send joys to pumclivestream@gmail.com.