

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.

Thank you.

Please sign registration sheets and pass to others in your pew.

If you are visiting, we welcome you and ask that you leave information so that we might be in contact with you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

## WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude - Kids' Choir "Fishers of Men"

Choral Introit - Kids' Choir "Cares Chorus"

### § Call to Worship

Leader: A wilderness beckons us: a desert, a barren place, yet a place of blessing and discovery.

**People: Jesus, steady companion, accompany us, as we enter the hurtful places, the frightening places, the dangerous places deep within us.**

Leader: Jesus, our wise and well-traveled guide, lead us into this emptiness, where all will fall away, and we will have nothing but you.

**ALL: Walk with us through the valley of the shadow of death, where we shall be raised, and drink of deep springs. Amen.**

### § Opening Hymn (FWS) #2101 "Two Fishermen"

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer, #895

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

First Scripture Reading Psalm 32

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn (FWS) #2129 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Children's Message

Hymn (FWS) #2072, refrain "Amen, Amen"

Parents: 1st-5th grades may go to the youth center with Ms. Joy & Mr. Bailey; younger than 2nd grade may go to the nursery with Ms. Ryanne.

§ Second Scripture Lesson Matthew 4:1-11

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Anthem - Chancel Choir "Treasures in Heaven"

Sermon Series: Treasures of the Transformed Life  
#1 - Priming the Pump Rev. Calvin Culpepper

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response (FWS) #2158  
"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

The SACRAMENT of BAPTISM  
Please use the insert in the bulletin.

Today we give thanks for Gavin William Wandell and celebrate his new life in the family of Christ through the Holy Sacrament of Baptism.

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves  
Offertory

§ Doxology #95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth #269  
"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

§ Benediction  
God of the wilderness, be with us as we wander through the desert of our lives. Keep us from running back to the safety of old assumptions, and walk with us as we learn to live the life abundant. Amen.

Choral Response - Kids' Choir "Shalom"

Postlude

Fellowship Time in the Narthex



*Chancel Flowers are given...*  
...in loving memory of our son, Alexander, who passed away 3/10/12  
by Ray & Margaret Rhoads.



We welcome you, member or visitor, as we join in worshiping God this morning. We pray you will be blessed.

Today we will be taking a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment. Read the insert to help you understand the importance of this offering. You may make your check out to CSUMC with "Apportionment" on the memo line.

Calling all 5th - 12th graders! ! Today we will go on a Mystery Field Trip from 1:30-4:30 for only \$6 + snacks (optional). **Parents:** If you are interested in summer camps, come to an informational meeting Sunday, March 9, 11:30 a.m., in the Youth Lounge.

**Christian Education Team will meet today, at noon, in Room 209.**

Do a daily devotion using the book "Return to Me", available in the Narthex or the Church Office for only \$2. Based on the cantata of the same name that the Chancel Choir is presenting on Palm Sunday, it is designed to help us on our Lenten journey.

Don't forget to come for your directory picture this Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. Thank you everyone for participating in our new directory! If you do not remember your scheduled time, please contact the Church Office, 815.962.6061.

"The Painting Table" starts Tuesday, March 11, at 5:30 p.m.! We are invited to draw pictures, record memories, and celebrate living through the creation of something new. Books are available in the Narthex or the Church Office for only \$7.

**Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! - March 12 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.**

• Ministry in the Dining Room - Lenten Study  
"God's Gift of Life" Study with Rev. Miriam  
Create a holy space for Bible study and open your heart and mind through self-examination and reflection so that you might grow in your faith. Books are available in the Narthex or the Church Office for only \$6.

• Kids' Choir in the Choir Room - ages 4-13  
• Rev. Rhoads' class in the Library - Adults  
• Mats for the Homeless in Room 4 across from the Dining Room

**6:15 - 6:45 p.m.**

• Dinner by Diane-Dining Room \$2.50/person; \$10 max/family

**7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

• Praise Band in the Sanctuary

Don't forget the first-ever **St. Patrick's Day Youth Ministry Fundraiser!** Please fill out the order form, found in the Narthex, and return in the offering plate or to the church office by Thursday, March 13, for your traditional (and non-traditional) tasty treats. Thank you for your continued support!



