

Upper St. Croix Parish
Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls
February 21st, 2021
“First Sunday in Lent”

This bulletin is for a Zoom Service and home service.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION AND BLESSING TO THE LEADERSHIP

PASSING OF THE GREETINGS

“Peace be with You!”

We Celebrate New Life in Christ

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Responsive

Lift up your souls to the Living God,
who enters into the covenant with us.

**We wait on our Maker, trusting God’s kindness
and seeking to know God’s ways.**

Raise your eyes to behold the risen Christ,
who triumphs over death and destruction.

**In Jesus Christ we renew our commitment
to share the good news of God’s realm.**

Attune yourselves to the Holy Spirit’s gifts
and leave behind the wilderness of despair.

**The Spirit sets us free from limits of the flesh,
from bondage to sin and decay. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN** *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

UMH 399 (vs. 1 & 2)

OPENING PRAYER Unison

God of saving acts in human history, and lively promises for future fulfillment, equip us in this hour of worship to live fully in the present. Make your ways known to us and teach us your truth. Lead your humble servants in the way you would have us go. Be patient with us, we pray, for we are trying to be faithful. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Proclamation of God’s Word

***THE GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 1:9-15

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11 And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” 12 And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13 He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. 14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

Matthew 4:1-11

4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. 3 The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” 4 But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 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.’”

7 Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; 9 and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” 10 Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

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

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S TIME

SERMON

“Getting Unstuck”

Pastor Jenny Lee

(If you are not able to join us for our Zoom Live Service, one of your family members may read the written sermon, or you can choose to view the video clip on Facebook, or listen to the Sermon by phone.)

We Respond to God's Word

RESPONDING PRAYER Unison

Loving God, open your heavens to us that the Spirit may come among us, helping us to know where we are stuck, and what made us be stuck. Strengthen us to cope with temptation, release us from all burdens, and equip us to minister in Christ's name. May our faithfulness draw others into your covenant community, where mutual trust and joyous service unite us in Christ. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS/THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Unison

Thank you, God, for the signs and wonders that reveal your presence. We want to do our part to share your love with the world. Use our offerings and our lives to bring a realization of your reign among us. Extend your ministry through us and our gifts we offer. May we be humble, teachable, and faithful as we seek to lead others into our faith community. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

We Go Forth to Love God and Serve One Another

***CLOSING HYMN**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH 400 (vs. 1 & 2)

***BENEDICTION**

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POSTLUDE

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The United Methodist Church

10 am Online Zoom Service

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