

Corinth Presbyterian Church

March 2, 2026

2nd Sunday in Lent

10:30 A.M.

(*Please stand in body or spirit)

(One; All)

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"Bells"

Traditional

(Time of silence to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.)

Call to Worship (responsively)

One: Jesus of the temptations, you enter the wilderness of our hungers,
our lust for power, our eagerness to test God:

All: be with us on our journey to Jerusalem, we pray.

One: Jesus of our hopes, you set aside your glory,
choosing to cradle us in your scarred hands:

All: hold us in your tender embrace, we pray.

One: Jesus our example, through your response to temptation,
you teach us follow you:

All: Help us in this worship hour to grow in you, we pray.

Hymn 80

Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley

Call to Confession (one)

We are easily seduced by the temptations all around us. But if we are willing to trust God and offer our confessions, God is quick to forgive us and fill us with hope. Join me, as we pray together.

Corporate Confession (All)

Led by the crafter of lies, Lord God, we wander in a wasteland of wrongdoing. We hunger for more and more and feel emptier and emptier. We seek power, especially over others, only to do harm. By our choices, we worship the false gods of success, wealth, and spectacle.

Have mercy on us, God of love, and forgive us when we allow temptation to seduce us. Equip us to stand up to the deceiver. Help us to become humble like Jesus, and lead us to trust you in all things.

(Silent confession)

One: In Jesus' name,

All: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Be glad and rejoice! Give thanks with shouts of joy!
Grace abounds for everyone.

All: With glad cries of deliverance, we offer our thanks to God who loves us and forgives us. Amen.

*Response to Pardon: Hymn 101, vs. 4

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Children's Moment: Art for Walking The Lenten Road

Scriptures

Psalm 121 (responsively) (p. 965-966)

Matthew 4:1-17 (p. 1499-1500)

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayer Seeking Understanding

Sermon

Remember This Example

*Hymn 84

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Offering

Offertory

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

Lani Smith

*Doxology

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

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***Offertory Prayer**

***Hymn 310** **Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee**

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude "Aria" Johann Sebastian Bach

Participating in Worship

Preacher Cynthia Holder Rich
Liturgist Myra Valdez-Malishenko
Pianist Riya Singh

Announcements

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! We are grateful you are with us today.

We are in the church season of **LENT**, when we prepare for and walk with Jesus to the cross and on to the resurrection. As part of this observance, Corinth is participating in special worship experiences together; we are making art together; we are studying the Bible together; we are giving money to two Lenten missions; and today, worshippers will have the opportunity to reaffirm their baptism during worship. We wish you a blessed and meaningful Lenten season.

Session has approved **TWO MISSION OFFERINGS** for Lent—**One Great Hour of Sharing**, the churchwide offering that started after World War II that provides international relief to people in areas of natural disasters, war, and poverty, and **G92 Springfield**, which is working to provide help for Haitian immigrants in Springfield Ohio at a time of increased challenge for our neighbors there. More information will be shared in worship and throughout Lent.

Sign up today for Lenten Bible Study! We will gather four Tuesday evenings this month on Zoom, reading the Gospel of Mark together. The sign-up sheet will be circulated during in-person worship. For online worshippers, please reach out to Cynthia and we will get you signed up. **FOR TUESDAY MARCH 3**—please read Mark, chapters 1-4, in preparation.

March Birthdays

3/4 - Brent Severson
3/8 – Don Zeh, Angie Schenck
3/9 – Sebastian Valdez-Malishenko
3/24 – Juanita Battaglia
3/30 – Doug Tilton



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