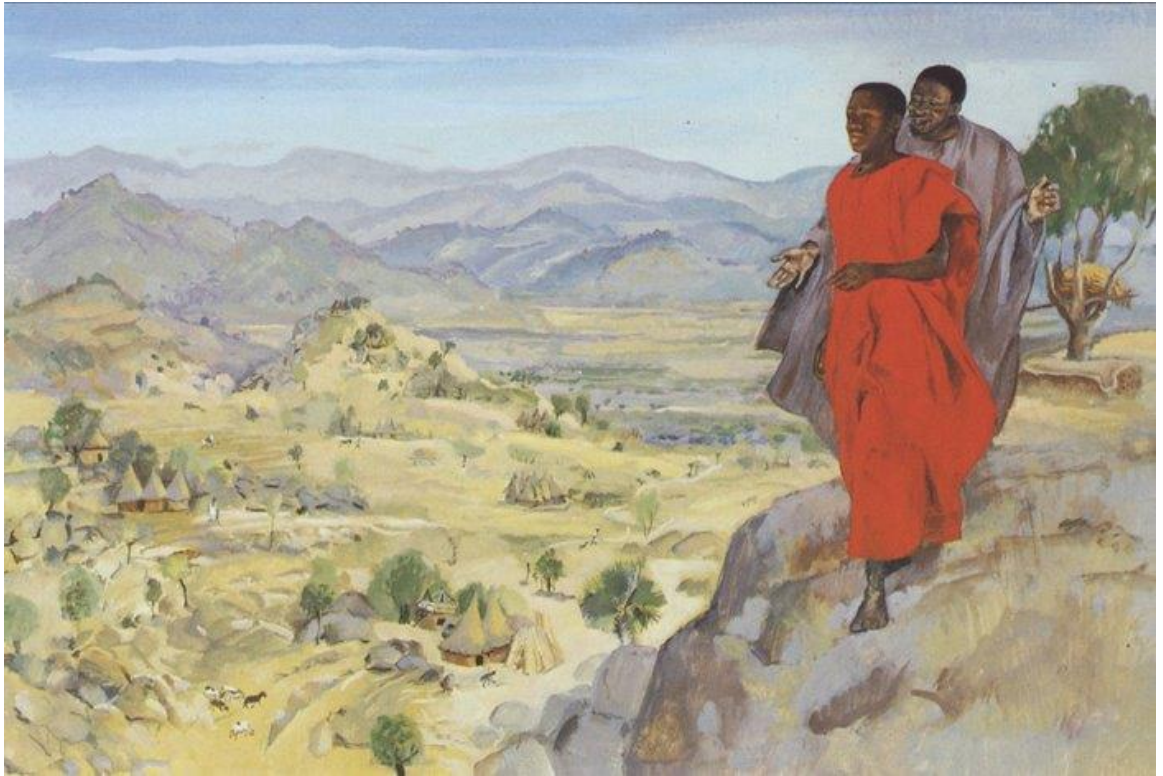


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SERVICE FOR OUR LORD'S DAY

MARCH 9, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

SERGEI KVITKO

LENTEN CANDLES

BEVERLY AND CHARLES

PHILIPS

CALL TO WORSHIP

STEVE FITTON

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
say to the Lord:

**My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust.**

For God will protect us from evil
and commands angels to guard us in all our ways.

**God rescues those who love God
and is present with us in trouble.**

God answers when we cry out
and reveals our salvation to us.

Let us worship God!

++ HYMN #166[GTG] Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days
Like many of this author's hymns, this text was written primarily for children but works equally well in reminding adults how Lent connects us with Christ's temptation in the wilderness and prepares us for Easter. The 16th-century English psalm tune provides sturdy support.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

CALL TO CONFESSION

STEVE FITTON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**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,**

++Indicates Congregation standing as able

**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.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

STEVE FITTON

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

++ RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #425 [GTG] (verse 1)

***Son of God, whose heart is peace, Son of God, most holy,
To your presence we have come; give us now your love.***

++ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

STEVE FITTON

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Be still and know that I am God (three times)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MS. MEGAN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

STEVE FITTON

O Lord of light and salvation,
let these words of Scripture
live not only in our mouths,
but in our hearts,

that we will embody your truth
and confess with our lives
that Jesus is Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

STEVE FITTON

- ¹ You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,^[a]
² will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust.”
- ⁹ Because you have made the LORD your refuge,^[a]
the Most High your dwelling place,
¹⁰ no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.
¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
¹² On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.
¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.
¹⁴ Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.
¹⁵ When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble;
I will rescue them and honor them.
¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy them
and show them my salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM “A Simple Song” from *Mass*, by Leonard Bernstein

Ben English, tenor
Erin Schor, flute

Sing God a simple song: Lauda, Laude.

Make it up as you go along: Lauda, laude.

Sing like you like to sing. God loves all simple things, for God is the simplest of all.

I will sing the Lord a new song - to praise Him, to bless Him, to bless the Lord.

I will sing His praises while I live all of my days.

Blessed is the man who loves the lord, blessed is the man who praises Him.

Lauda, Lauda, Laude...and walks in His ways.

I will lift up my eye to the hills from whence comes my help. I will lift up my voice to the Lord

Singing Laude, Laude.

For the Lord is my shade, is the shade upon my right hand, and the sun shall not smite me by day nor the moon by night.

Blessed is the man who loves the Lord, Lauda, Lauda, Laude, and walks in His ways.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:1-13

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" ⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil^[b] said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" ⁹ Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹ and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ¹² Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

SERMON

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

++HYMN #783[GTG]

When We Are Tested

Although the Temptation of Christ is mentioned in all three synoptic gospels (Matthew 4:1-11 / Mark 1:12-13 / Luke 4:1-13), this hymn is based on the Lukan version. It is notable that each stanza begins "when," not "if"; temptation is not an optional feature of the spiritual life.

The Lord be with you
and also with you
 Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
 (Prayers continue...)

Lord's Prayer (**unison**)

**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.**

Amen #469[GTG] Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 469

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Lord, send your

Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren

pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC “A Lenten Prayer” by Hal H. Hopson

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself; oh, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself.

We must walk this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves; oh, nobody else can walk it for us, we have to walk it by ourselves.

You must go and stand your trial, you have to stand it by yourself, oh, nobody else can stand it for you, you have to stand it by yourself.

And through these days of penitence, and through thy Passiontide, yea, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

++Doxology #608 [GTG]

Praise God, from Whom 608 All Blessings Flow

The musical notation is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: G, C, Am7, Dsus, D, G, D, Am7, Dsus, D, Am7, D, G, Am7, G, C, Am7, G, Am7, D, G. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all peo-ple here be-low; praise Ho-ly Spir-it ev-er-more; praise Tri-une God, whom we a-dore."

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN #215 [GTG] What Wondrous Love Is This

With its ballad-like repetitions before and after each stanza’s central narrative lines, this meditative text needs performance in order to be effective. Its haunting melody proves the means of convincing us that the only adequate resin to “wondrous love” is to “sing on.”

BENEDICTION

Blest Be the Tie That Binds #306 [GTG]

***Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.***

POSTLUDE

SERGEI KVITKO

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INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

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STEVE FITTON

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:

MEGAN HIGLE

ORGANIST:

SERGEI KVITKO

DIRECTOR OF CHURCH LIFE / COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

PRINCE SOLACE

PASTOR:

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This Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 9

10:00 a.m. Worship service – Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Adult Forum – Litten Hall
11:30 a.m. Children’s Faith Formation
11:30 a.m. Finance Committee meeting
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries - Chapel

Monday, March 10

9:00 a.m. GIL classes
9:00 a.m.-4 AARP Tax assistance – Litten Hall
10:00 a.m. Staff meeting – Library
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga room
6:30 p.m. Bells of First rehearsal – Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 11

9:00 a.m. GIL classes
9:00 a.m.-4 AARP Tax assistance – Litten Hall
2:30 p.m. Building & Grounds – Library
5:30 p.m. Worship Committee – Library
6:30 p.m. Glen Erin Pipe band rehearsal – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m. Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal - Chapel

Wednesday, March 12

9:00 a.m. GIL classes
10:30 a.m. Lectionary Bible study – Zoom
4:30 p.m. Lansing Children’s Choir rehearsal – Choir room
5:30 p.m. Yoga – yoga room
6:00 p.m. Wired Word Bible study – Zoom

Thursday, March 13

9:00 a.m. GIL classes
9:00 a.m. NWI food distribution – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Bible Study - Library

Friday, March 14

5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga room

Saturday, March 15

Sunday, March 16

10:00 a.m. Worship service - Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Adult Forum – Litten Hall
11:30 a.m. Children’s Faith Formation
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Pottery Show and Sale Fundraiser

Terri Froemel, a regular online participant in Worship and Bible Studies at our church, is donating 79 pieces of pottery she has made to benefit the Food Pantry. Her wares will be displayed in the lobby area off Molly Grove Chapel through Sunday, March 9. The sale is “self-serve”. Simply choose a piece and make a donation using the envelope provided, or by putting cash in the box that the Food Pantry will have at the desk. Your envelope can be placed in the offering plate, the Food Pantry box, or taken to the church office. Thank you to Terri for this unique gift, and her generosity for support of the Food Pantry. THANK YOU for “shopping” and supporting both Terri and our Food Pantry.

Looking for ways to volunteer at Lansing First Presbyterian Church?

The Christian Education Committees (Adult and Youth) are hoping YOU might be interested in helping shape programming, events and materials for our church family.

Please see Ceci Anderson, Alyse Collins or Megan Higle for more information. YOU are welcome and needed!

Adult Education (Ceci Anderson, chair) meets, currently, on the First Monday at 2:00 p.m. (in person and on zoom).

- Adult Forum Programming
- Bible Studies
- Lent & Advent Devotionals
- Library
- Book Group

Youth Education (Alyse Collins, chair) meets, currently, on the First Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. (via zoom).

- Sunday School
- Child Care Room/Staff
- Children’s Moment
- Christmas Pageant
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Outdoor Playground
- Youth Fellowship w/Holt Presbyterian Church

Per Capita Reminder: The annual per capita payment to the Lake Michigan Presbytery for 2025 is **\$42 per member**. This is for every member to consider. The check can go to the church noting "per capita." Please consider paying a per capita for those who cannot afford to.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (INCLUDING ADULT FORUM AND CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION)

11:15-12:15 (ish) after worship service in Litten Hall (adults) and Sunday School room (children)

Childcare is available through this time - please let Childcare staff know if this is needed.

March 9

Adult Forum - "Make Disciples: Live As A Disciple" - Join Elder Ceci Anderson and Director of Christian Education, Megan Higle, as we begin our Multi-Generational Bible Study for the season of Lent. (Fruits of the Spirit)

Children's Faith Formation - "Make Disciples: Live As A Disciple" - Pam Blair, teacher

March 16

Adult Forum - "Make Disciples: Go!" - Ways of spreading the love of God. Hear how Ben Watson (cousin to Megan Higle) spreads the love of God in China!

Children's Faith Formation - "Make Disciples: Go!" - Kathy Banghart, teacher.