

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, February 26, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

* God Calls Us to Worship Him: Psalm 19:1-6

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

We Sing in Response: #55 Red Hymnal "To God Be the Glory"

*We Seek God's Presence in Prayer

We Confess Our Sins Together: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

God Assures Us We Are Forgiven: Hebrews 4:14-16

- * We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness: #257 Black Hymnal "Love Incarnate"
- * We Confess Our Faith Together: Westminster Larger Catechism Q/A #20-22

What was the providence of God toward mankind in the state in which the first man was created? The providence of God toward mankind in the state in which the first man was created was the following: placing him in paradise, appointing him to tend it and giving him the liberty to eat the fruit of the earth; putting the creatures under his dominion and ordaining marriage for his help; allowing him communion with God himself; instituting the Sabbath; entering into a covenant of life with him on the condition of personal, perfect, and perpetual obedience, of which the tree of life was a pledge; and forbidding him to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, on pain of death.

Did mankind continue in the state in which God first created them? Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, transgressed the commandment of God by eating the forbidden fruit through the temptation of Satan, and by that they experienced the fall from the state of innocence in which they were created.

Did all mankind fall in that first transgression? Because the covenant was made with Adam as a public person, not for himself only but also for his posterity, all mankind descending from him by ordinary generation sinned in him and fell with him in that first transgression.

Mission Moment: Faith Promise (Gwen Hurn)

We Read From God's Word: Genesis 3

We Pray For The Congregation and Community

We Memorize God's Word: Hebrews 1:1-2

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets. But in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

We Present Our Tithes & Offerings In Worship

We Worship Through the Music of Offertory

- * We Sing the Doxology: #731 Red Hymnal "Doxology"
- * We Give Thanks to the Lord
- * We Sing In Preparation for the Word: #353 Black Hymnal "O Church, Arise"

(Children age 4 through kindergarten may be dismissed to Children's Worship)

Pastor Reads the Sermon Text: Mark 1:12-13 & Matthew 4:1-11

Pastor Preaches God's Word: "The Great Adventurer" - Pastor Gary Waldecker

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

- * We Sing In Response to the Word: #348 Black Hymnal "Facing a Task Unfinished"
- * The Lord Sends Us Out (Benediction)

Sermon Outline

"The Great Adventurer" Mark 1:12-13 & Matthew 4:1-11 February 26, 2023

Big Idea: Jesus calls you to join him on his great adventure.
Main Point #1: It's a <u>challenging</u> adventure.

Main Point #2: It's a <u>dangerous</u> adventure.

Main Point #3: It's an enabling adventure.