

LISBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
February 26, 2023 The First Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE and TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION

WORDS OF GREETING

A Time of Praise

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven.

PEOPLE: Happy are those who receive God's mercy.

Leader: Rejoice and be glad, you upright in heart.

PEOPLE: Shout for joy, people of God.

*Leader: Let those who seek God rejoice as we begin our
Lenten journey.*

PEOPLE: Let all people extol God's grace in this holy time.

*OPENING HYMN *Morning Has Broken* # 145

UNISON PRAYER Faithful God, walk with us as we journey with Christ through the season of Lent; abide with us and strengthen us as we face the many temptations that befall us each day. Be our God, we pray, and we will be your people – a people raised to newness of life through the gift of your Spirit and the love of your Son. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 32 # 766

Act of Confession and Pardon

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Holy One, we do not always face temptation well.

PEOPLE: We heed the rumblings of our lives and settle for earthly satisfaction when we are starving for the words of life that come from your mouth, O God.

Leader: We put you to the test, seeking signs of your favor when we should be still and know that you are God.

PEOPLE: We place our trust in other humans who promise us an easier life when we should be putting our faith in you alone.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray, O God.

PEOPLE: In the desert experiences of our lives, help us to find ways to resist temptation that we might be found worthy of your calling, we pray.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE *Receive forgiveness and mercy through the free gift of God's grace in Christ Jesus. Amen.*

Hearing God's Word

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7 (pg. 2)

CHORAL ANTHEM

EPISTLE READING Romans 5.12-19 (pg. 156)

GOSPEL READING Matthew 4.1-11 (pg. 3)

SERMON *God's Grace Given: Temptation*

*HYMN *Amazing Grace* # 378

Responding To God's Word

A TIME OF PRAYER

Joys and Concerns and Time of Silent Prayer
A Lenten Prayer (insert)
The Lord's Prayer
Choral Prayer Response

895

RECEIVING OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

*Doxology
*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN *Take Time to Be Holy*

395

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS OF BENEDICTION

Leader: Though life is full of temptation, God's grace will see us through.

PEOPLE: We rejoice in the One who strengthens us.

Leader: Though life is full of times of trial, Christ walks with us every step of the way.

PEOPLE: We rejoice in the One who leads us home.

Leader: Go forth in God's amazing grace.

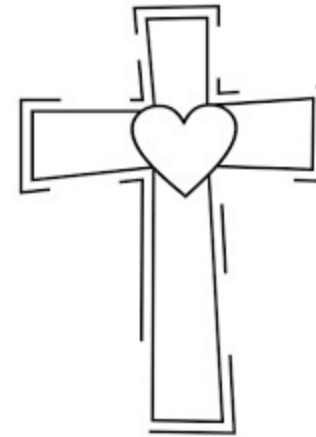
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*POSTLUDE

Today's Worship Leaders

_____, Lay Reader
Verne Smith, Video Production Manager
Debbie Greim, Organist and Choir Director
Rev. Elizabeth J. Bachelder Smith, Pastor

*Boldly Caring for our
Community*



Grounded in God's Love

Lisbon United Methodist Church
welcomes, nurtures, and serves
all people
with the love of Christ.