

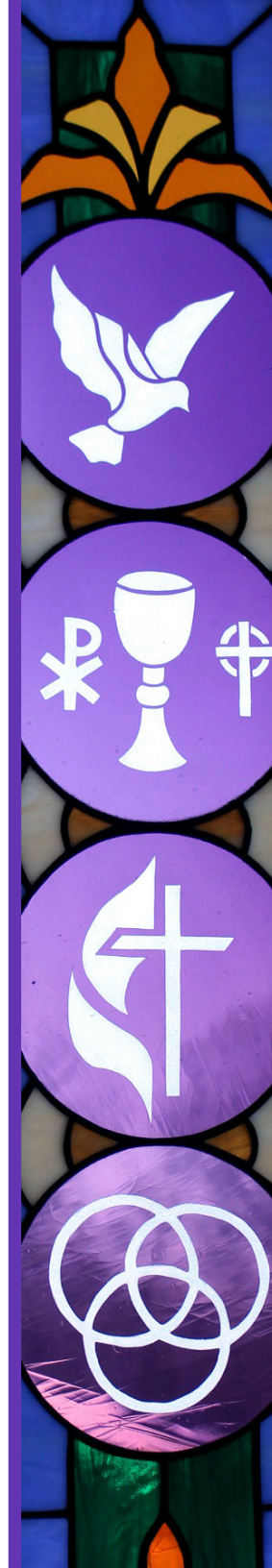
Sermon	Walking With Jesus Fasting	Rev. Quincy Wheeler
* Prayer of Thanksgiving	SENDING FORTH	
* Hymn 382	"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"	ADELAIDE
* Pastoral Benediction		
* Postlude	"Prelude in d minor"	J. S. Bach

Altar flowers are presented by Connie Irvin
in memory of Robert Irvin, husband, father,
grandfather, great-grandfather.

Pulpit flowers are presented by Carol and Rob Lewis
in memory of Carl Lewis, husband, father, grandfather.

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Mentor United Methodist Church

March 8, 2020

Second Sunday in Lent

The liturgical color is purple, signifying our penitence
and the royalty of Christ.

GATHERING

Prelude "Recitative and Aria" Wayne Wold
Amy Bender, organist

Lighting of the Candles
Presentation of God's Holy Word

Wyatt Hall
Acolyte (11:00)

Please sign and pass the attendance pad that you
find at the end of each pew.
If you are joining us for the first time today, please
complete the blue sheet.

Welcome and Announcements

9:00 Emma Simons, Liturgist
11:00 Paul Montgomery, Liturgist

*** Call to Worship**

Isaiah 58:1-9

Leader: Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet.
Declare to my people their rebellion.

People: For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right. "Why have we fasted," they say, "and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?"

Leader: Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high.

People: Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves? Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

Leader: Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

People: Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here I am.

*** Opening Prayer** (unison)

"Lord, let us offer you the true fasting you desire, where we abstain from sin, from violence, from oppression and from hatred, and fully feed from your Spirit within us enabling us to show your love and uphold your truth and justice in this world, Amen."

*** Opening Hymn 73**

"O Worship the King"

LYONS

** Members of the congregation stand if able.*

Anthem

9:00 Canticle Bells "What Wondrous Love is This" arr. Anna Laura Page
11:00 Chancel Choir "At Calvary" Mary McDonald

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

The 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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

9:00 Canticle Bells "Winter Meditation" Winnagene Hatch
11:00 Chancel Choir "Cross of Christ, O Sacred Tree" Lloyd Larson

*** Doxology**

UMH 95

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

*** Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn of Preparation 371** "I Stand Amazed in the Presence"
MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:1-11 New Testament page 682

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.