

**First Presbyterian Church Kasson, MN**

**Brian Rohr - Music**

**February 22, 2026**

**Pastor Loren Olson**

**10:00 AM**

**We Approach God**

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship:**

L: Today, we follow Jesus into a wilderness full of isolation, fatigue, hunger, thirst, and temptation.

**P: We follow, trusting in God's mercy.**

L: We witness Jesus resist the siren calls of sensationalism, notoriety, and misuse of power for selfish gain.

**P: We recognize God's mercy at work in the face of temptation.**

L: We notice the angels who tend Jesus, messengers of care in a harsh and lonely place.

**P: We pay attention to God's merciful presence that did not abandon Jesus and does not abandon us now.**

L: We come to the wilderness together, clinging to the truth that we are not alone—God is with us.

**P: We gather to worship God, whose unfailing mercy journeys with us into the wildernesses of our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*Hymn No. 166**

*“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”*

**\* Unison Prayer of Confession:**

**Gracious and merciful God, we confess to you our reluctance to enter the wilderness places where we are confronted with our true selves. The places where we are tempted to put worldly values before our desire for you, and when our hunger for power and wealth is greater than our hunger for seeking and doing your will: Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you. When we are tempted to use the gifts you give us to benefit ourselves at the expense of serving others: Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you. When we are tempted to use sensational means to increase people's faith, rather than being guided by the humility of Christ: Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.**

*Silent Confession*

**\*Assurance of Grace and Peace:**

L: Merciful God, save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. Forgive us our sins and fill us with the joy and peace of your salvation. So strengthen us with your Spirit during this Lenten season that we put our whole trust in you as confidently as Jesus did.

**P: As the apostle Paul wrote: “...if you confess with your lips that Jesus Christ is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” (Romans 10:9) These words contain the good news that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**We are Inspired by God**

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading:

**Psalm 32:1-7**

L: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**P: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

L: While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**P: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up[a] as by the heat of summer.**

L: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

**P: Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.**

**All: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

**Gloria Patri Hymn No. 581** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen*

Scripture Lesson:

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Pg 2-3 OT

Matthew 4:1-11

Pg 3-4 NT

Message:

Praying Through the Darkness

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**Hymn No. 347 v. 1-3**

*“Let All Mortal flesh Keep Silence”*

**Invitation to the Lord's Table - Great Thanksgiving**

We will be using the Communion Service from our hymnal pages 9-11.

Pastor will guide us through.

## We Respond to God

\*Affirmation of Faith from the Apostles Creed (in Unison)  
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Call for Offering: Anything \$20 or less is counted for our loose offering and goes toward supporting local and international church mission.  
Offertory

### \*Doxology No. 606

#### Prayer of Dedication:

**In this moment of giving, we offer not just our resources, but our trust that you are already at work, shaping us through challenge, strengthening us through sacrifice, and surrounding us with unseen angels. Use these gifts to bring hope where there is hunger, healing where there is pain, and light where there is despair. May what we give reflect our desire to walk more closely with you, even in the hard places. Amen.**

### \*Hymn No. 819

*"Be Still My Soul"*

### \*Benediction

### \*Hymn 541

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again" (v.1)

### \* Postlude

#### WELCOME VISITORS.

\* Please pray for: Bill Stromme, Mike & Carol Prenzlów, Bill Kase, Rosemary Horseman, Howard Gransee, Ruth Allen, Joyce Olson, Dick Wolff, Jack Heisermann, Jim Stucky and Dick Hewitt for strength and healing.

\* The Worship Committee is doing the Easter Garden again. Please sign up ASAP before March 16.

\* Please remember to pay per capita. This year the amount is \$43.75 per member. The church is responsible for the amount whether members pay or not. Thank you for contributing.

\* Calling all males young and old! The Men's Easter Breakfast will be on Easter Sunday, April 5 at 9:00 following 8:00 worship. Sign up sheets for supplies and groceries will be posted. Please see Aaron Wilke or Steve Johnson for more information or to volunteer.

#### Events:

February 23 - 27  
February 24  
March 8  
March 11  
March 15  
March 10

Meals on Wheels  
Pastor Nom. Committee @ 6 pm  
DST Set clocks ahead 1 hour  
PW Game Day 1 - 3 pm  
Potluck Dinner following service.  
Session Meeting @ 5:30 pm



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