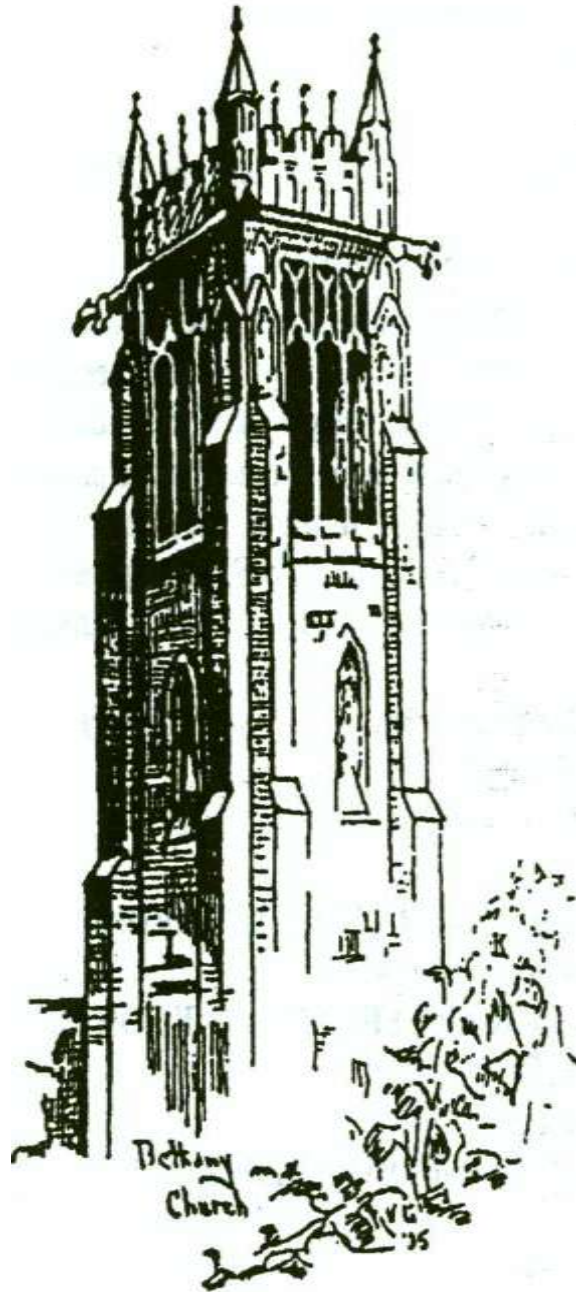


BETHANY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Quincy, Massachusetts

Founded

1832



**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 21, 2021**

THE LORD'S DAY – A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

Prelude: "Love of God"

Lehman, arr. Parks

Announcements:

Solo: "O God, How We have Wandered"

Nichols/Hassler/Bach

(from: Luke 15:11-21; 2 Corinthians 5:15-20)

Paul Frazer

Call to Worship (Responsively):

As darkness gives way to light
and winter sleep to fresh beginnings,

We come today to be reminded of God's love for us.

Like the green shoots of renewed life,
stirring beneath the soil,

We welcome an awakening of God's word in our lives.

In this time of reflection and repentance,

**We affirm our identity, we claim our security,
as children of God.**

Prayer of Invocation (Unison):

**To you, O God, we lift up our souls. To you we offer our praise and prayer, our
worship and thanksgiving, even our very lives. Make your ways known to us.
Show us the path on which we should walk. Lead us in your truth and teach us.
For you alone are the God who saves, the God in whom we trust; and the One on
whom we wait, even as we pray...**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts)

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 9:8-17 & Mark 1:9-15
(See Insert)

MUSICAL RESPONSE

SERMON

“Out of the Water, Into the Wilderness”
Rev. Patrick S. McCorkle

HYMN: “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

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(See Insert)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

GROSSER GOTT, arr. Giamanco

The Worship is over. The service begins.

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FEB. 21th
Sunday

Sunday Service in the Church and
online (Bethany Web Page) 9:30 AM

FEB. 22th
Monday

Administrative Council Meeting 7:00 PM
(Zoom meeting ID and password
will be sent to Council Members by
email)

MAR. 7th
Sunday

Annual Meeting Live and on Zoom 12:00
(Zoom meeting ID and password PM
will be sent to Church Members by
email and Text Messages)



Thank you to Tom Boyer, Paul Frazer and Marsha Sherman
For providing this morning's music.

FILL THE PEW!

SUNDAY March 7, 2021

Donations of non-perishable food items will be collected in the Narthex. Items help to feed the needy in our local Community. All Donations will help stock the Interfaith Social Services food Pantry in Quincy.



GENESIS 9:8-17

After the destructive flood, the symbol of God's judgment on human sin, a rainbow of promise appeared. God made a covenant with Noah that included all humanity forever. God is ever seeking to restore us to a right relationship. God's only desire for us is that true fullness of life intended in creation which human sin still frustrates.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

MARK 1:9-15

Mark's brief account of Jesus' baptism and temptation was typical of his abbreviated introduction to the main story he wanted to tell - the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. That takes up nearly one half of the Gospel.

The Baptism of Jesus

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Temptation of Jesus

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830-1869

ST. CHRISTOPHER 7.6.8.6.8.6.8.6.

Frederick C. Maker, 1844-1927

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
 2 Up - on that cross of Je - sus Mine eye at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, thy shad - ow For my a - bid - ing place;

The shad - ow of a might - y rock With - in a wea - ry land;
 The ver - y dy - ing form of one Who suf - fered there for me;
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than The sun - shine of his face;

A home with - in the wild - er - ness, A rest up - on the way,
 And from my smit - ten heart with tears Two won - ders I con - fess -
 Con - tent to let the world go by, To know no gain nor loss,

From the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, And the bur - den of the day.
 The won - ders of his glo - rious love And my un - wor - thi - ness.
 My sin - ful self my on - ly shame, My glo - ry all the cross. A - men.

**Please Keep the following people in your prayers.
Don't forget to reach out with a card or a call.**

Kimberly Beers-Powers	Family of Bruce Crofts	Family of Jack Douglas
Kevin Douglas	Pam and John Egan	Bill Ericson
Sandy Johnson	Family of Evelyn Kelly	Dorothy Mersereau
Frieda Matthews	Bob Goodnow	Bill & Carol Harding
Ava Piazza	Family of Bea Siddens	Estelle Weinberger
Loraine Walsh	David and Jingjing Wang	Peter & Grace Wang
Family of Bishop Wright		

And all of our at risk members during the COVID-19 crisis

Mission Moment:

“Lent is a time for discipline, for confession, for honesty, not because God is mean or fault-finding or finger-pointing but because he wants us to know the joy of being cleaned out, ready for all the good things he now has in store.”

N.T. Wright



Children's Worship Bulletin

Jesus in the Wilderness

Mark 1:12-15

Word Search

U M F G T V N I W R Z D Z K S
L T E M P T E D K T E T A S N
S A T A N W Z A A O N P E Y U
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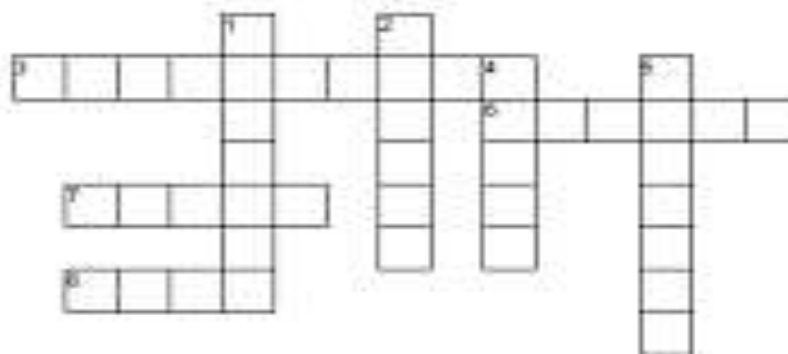
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DAYS

COME
TIME
SENT

REPENT
FORTY
GOOD

WILDERNESS
ANGELS
WILD

Crossword Puzzle



HORIZONTAL

3. A deserted area
6. Heavenly beings that protected Jesus in the wilderness.
7. The number that is ten more than thirty.
8. The opposite of bad.

VERTICAL

1. Encouraged someone to do something even though it was wrong.
2. To turn away from sin.
4. The fallen angel who tempts someone to do wrong.
5. To accept something to be true.

WILDERNESS	REPENT	GOOD	BELIEVE
FORTY	SATAN	ANGELS	TEMPTED



Decoder Puzzle

The words below have been written in code. Use the hints in the decoder at the top of the puzzle to help break the.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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The Temptation of Jesus

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