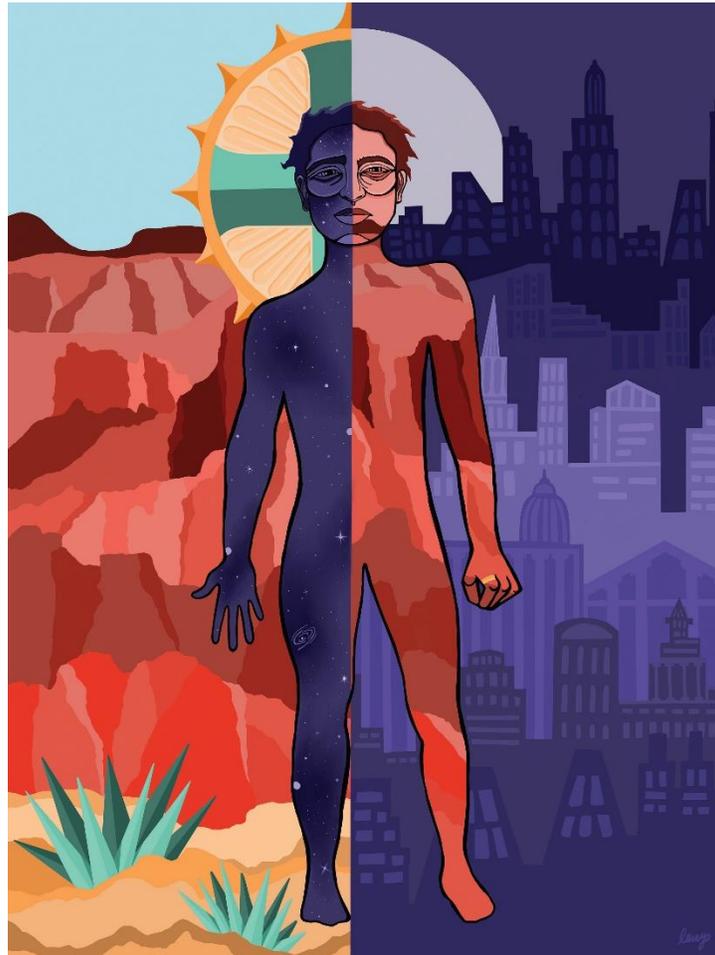


Service for the Lord's Day

March 1, 2020 11:00 a.m.

1st Sunday in Lent



Spirit Led

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New to Hunter? Here's some information to help you feel at home. Where you see asterisks in the bulletin, you're invited to stand. When we pass the peace, you're invited to greet those around you with a joyful sign of Christ's peace. All children are welcome to come forward for the sharing with young disciples. When we share our joys & concerns, feel free to join in. It is our usual custom to celebrate Communion by intinction, that is, by dipping a piece of bread into the cup in order to receive both elements of the sacrament simultaneously. We choose from a selection of several different kinds of bread (including gluten-free crackers) coming from various cultures in order to evoke the diversity of God's people, and our grape juice is non-alcoholic. We offer a nursery for newborns through 3-year-olds. Thank you for visiting Hunter. We're glad you're here! Before you leave, please place a welcome card in the offering plate.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

"Deep River"

arr. Lani Smith

*Call to Worship

God hovered over the void and breathed life into dust.

God created in the wilderness.

The Israelites wandered in the desert for forty years.

The Israelites found God in the wilderness.

Jesus said "no" to the tempter time and time again.

Jesus claimed his identity in the wilderness.

We grow in the wilderness. We learn in the wilderness.

For God is with us—before, through, and after the wilderness.

Let us worship God!

Amen.

*Hymn 41

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

LYONS

Prayer of Confession

The psalms remind us that even before a word is on our tongue, you know it completely. You know the prayers we bring before you today—confessions of greed and doubt, fear and anxiety, conflict and regret. Free us from these sins. Give us the strength to say "no" to that which separates us from you, and "yes" to the things that let love grow. Guide us out of our self-created wilderness spaces and into your light. Gratefully we pray, amen.

(moment for silent reflection)

*Hymn 437

"You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!"

TOPLADY

Assurance of Grace

*Passing of the Peace

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Gathering Song

"There in God's Garden"
(hymn 226, verse 1)

SHADES MOUNTAIN

**There in God's garden stands the tree of Wisdom,
whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations:
tree of all knowledge, tree of all compassion, tree of all beauty.**

Sharing with Young Disciples

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Old Testament

Genesis 9:8-17

(O.T., p. 7)

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Household Prayer: Jesus, you know the wilderness just as much as I do. You know temptation. You know suffering. You know loneliness. You know hunger. Remind me in my hardest moments that you have been there too. I am not alone. Amen.

-Sarah Are

This Week at Hunter

3/4 Wednesday **Blessings in a Backpack (Glendover) 3:30p.m.**
Choir Practice 7:00p.m.

3/8 Sunday **Early Worship 8:45a.m.**
Sunday School 9:30a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00a.m.

Sunday Announcements

A warm welcome to all visitors. We are glad you chose to worship with us today.

Prayer Requests:

Prayers for: Brenda Reynolds, Joyce Slugantz (Cecil Woolums' sister), the work of the PNC, Josh Spencer, Charlie Allen, Beth Webster, Ann Freytag, Roger Guffey, Todd Guffey, Jim Almgren, Ruth, Dorothy, and the Beattie family, Rubin Thomas, Wilton Cherry, Doris Palmer.

Thanks to all who contributed at the Ash Wednesday Chili Supper! In addition to enjoying delicious food and warm fellowship, \$146.00 were donated to help Transylvania Presbytery assemble "Disaster Hygiene Kits" after Palms Sunday. The barrel for needed kit items will be in the Kitchen Hallway through April 5. (See March Hunter Horn Article). **Special thanks to** Outreach Committees members, and to EVERYONE who contributed food, or provided help with set-up and clean-up.

Reading to deepen the Lenten experience. Lent is a time for deeper thought and meditation. The Hunter Library has a number of books to choose from displayed in the library windows on the hallway. Available for the first time are new books in memory of Hunter members who died in 2019. Purchased by a memorial fund from the Presbyterian Women of Hunter, they can be found in the library on the shelf marked RECENT ADDITIONS.

March 1st thru April 5th, Richard Weis will lead a study on Jeremiah in the lounge during the "Alternatives Class" time. Though modest, his wife Barbara tells me Richard is a worldwide expert on Jeremiah and is doing an update for the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. We meet in the lounge at 9:30a.m. for fellowship. Class begins at 9:45a.m.

Through the Wilderness will be the theme we follow through Lent this year. There will be journals, a craft project to adorn the sanctuary (and for you to take home), artful bulletin covers, coloring pages on the back table, and more to enhance our journey through Lent and into Easter.

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