

Sodus United Third Methodist Church Welcomes You
March 9, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.
“First Sunday in Lent”

We Gather to Be the Church in Worship
! indicates to please stand if you are able

Prelude/Gathering:

Receiving the Light of Christ into our Sanctuary:

Announcements:

Call To Discipleship:

L: On this first Sunday in Lent, we join Jesus in the wilderness, a place of wild and dangerous things, of testing and temptation away from the security of home.

P: God, rescue us in the wilderness!

L: Once again, we watch and listen as Satan throws out temptation upon temptation, and we find our security in Jesus, who does not waver from the truth.

P: God, rescue us within the wilderness!

L: Once again, we face our own frailty and realize that the wilderness is not nearly as dangerous as our choices to prioritize selfish gain and hoarding of power.

P: God, rescue us through the wilderness!

L: Once again, we call upon God in the wilderness of our lives, and we trust God’s faithful reply:

L: and P: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them. Thanks be to God! Amen.

! Hymn of Praise: “He Is Lord, He Is Lord!” **UMH #177**

Time For Young Disciples: **“Resisting Temptation”**

Morning Prayer: **(In Unison..)**

God, you are our refuge. You are the shore in sight, you are hands that reach out, you are the ground on which to rest. God, you are our strength. You are the life we long for, you are the refusal to give up, you are the keys of home we carry with us. God, you are our help in time of trouble. We call on you from the ruins and the rubble, we call on you from the wilderness and the deep, we call on you to meet us in this place! Amen.

SCRIPTURE

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also, with you.

L: Let us pray.

P: Creator God, you created us with free will and freedom of choice. By the power of the Holy Spirit, speak your Word through the words of Scripture, that we may live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray and serve, Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Liturgist

Responsive Reading: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

(pgs. 810-811 UMH)

Liturgist

! Gloria Patri: (In Unison..)

UMH #70

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.

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1-13

Liturgist

L: This is the word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

! Hymn of Preparation: “God Is So Good”

TFWS #2056

Epistle Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Dale Davis

**Time For Mature Disciples:
“God’s Love Is A Relief!”**

Preparing to give Tithes and Best Offerings: **(In Unison..)**

Faithful God, who journeys with us through the wilderness of our lives, as we offer these gifts, we remember your sustaining presence. In this period of spiritual renewal, strengthen us to resist temptation and guide us to live in community with love and grace. May these offerings be signs of hope and acts of compassion that reflect the love you have shown us in Christ. Empower us to rise together, supporting one another on this journey of faith and transformation. In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray and serve, Amen.

**God’s Epiphanies in Our Lives:
Birthdays and Anniversaries:**

Moments of Grace

Prayer Requests and Pastoral Prayer and **Lord’s Prayer: (In Unison): Our Father, which 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 that 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.**

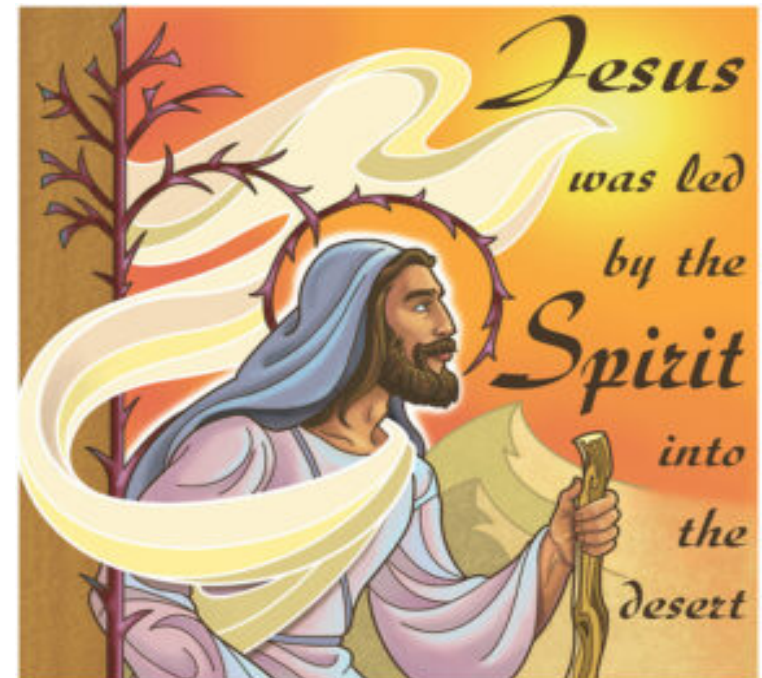
! Hymn: Cares Chorus

TFWS #2215

! Hymn: “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

UMH #405

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These Lenten days will take us to the cross of Christ. Go forward, knowing that you do not go this way alone. Nor do we have to be afraid, for the Word of God strengthens us and the Holy Spirit sustains us.

! Closing Prayer: (In Unison..)

Thank you, Lord, for your presence with us on this day. As we depart from this space now, we ask you to bless us throughout the remainder of the day and guide us safely home. Do not let the learning and conversations of this gathering die, but instead, may they continue to ruminate within us and bear fruit in our ministries throughout the year, until we find ourselves together again. We ask this in the name of Jesus, and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

! Hymn: “Go Now In Peace” (Insert)

! Benediction with Blessings:

Beloved, you – you who live in the shelter of the Most High and abide in the shadow of the Almighty will find in God your refuge and fortress. Go now, in the blessing of the Triune God who shelters you and rescues you that we all might be a shelter and a rescue for and with one another. Amen.

Taking the Light of Christ out of our Sanctuary and into the World:
Postlude: “Let There Be Peace on Earth” UMH #431

GO NOW IN PEACE

Go now in peace... never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen, amen, amen!!

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When sharing a prayer concern or information of someone in need of a pastoral visit, please provide me with their contact information, and I will pass along to Rev. David B. Herrmann (315-460-6758) or Pastor Linda Glantz. Thank You!

Name:
Address:
Phone Number:
Email Address:

Please include your contact information in case Rev. David B. Herrmann or Pastor Linda Glantz should need to contact you for clarification.

Responsive Reading:

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

L: **1** Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

L: **2** will say to the Lord,

P: 2 “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.”

L: **9** Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your habitation,

P: 10 no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

L; **11** For God will give his angels charge over you to guard you in all your ways.

P: 12 They will bear you up on their hands lest you dash your foot against a stone.

P: 13 You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

L: **14** Because they cleave to me in love, I will deliver them;

P: 14 I will protect them, because they know my name.

L: **15** When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

P: 16 I will satisfy them with long life and show them my salvation.