

Monmouth Grace Ministry Sunday Worship
First Sunday in Lent
March, 9 at 10:30 am
Order of Worship

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

1. Our Church's goal for 2025 is to read the entire Bible. If you require a schedule to assist you in participating, please do not hesitate to let us know.
2. Join us for our Lenten Bible Study on Zoom, on Wednesdays 7:30pm, through Lent.
3. Let us keep Mr. Larry Edwards, and his family, Judy Bornemann, Robert Geddis's Family in our thoughts and prayers.
4. Join us for the SOK group meetings every last Sunday of the month, immediately following our fellowship. All are cordially invited.
5. Lenten Offering Jar: As part of our Lenten fast, we invite you to give the cost of a fasting meal. This year's offerings will help build a children's library for Haitian refugees in the Dominican Republic.

Praise and Prayer

***Opening Praise: Your Love Is Strong**
Lead Me To The Cross

Call to Worship

Leader: 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.

People: God, rescue us in the wilderness!

Leader: 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.

People: God, rescue us within the wilderness!

Leader: 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.

People: God, rescue us through the wilderness!

Leader: Once again, we call upon God in the wildernesses of our lives, and we trust God's faithful reply:

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

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2024.

Hymn: "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"

UMH 127

Worship Prayer: God, you are our refuge and our shelter. You are the shore in sight when we are lost, The steady hands that lift us up, The solid ground beneath our feet.

God, you are our strength and our song. You are the life we long for, The courage that keeps us going, The hope that we carry wherever we go. God, you are our help in times of trouble. From the ruins and the rubble, we call on you. From the wildness and the deep, we lift our voices. Meet us

here, O Lord—

In our joy and in our sorrow, In our fear and in our faith. We call on you to meet us in this place!
Amen. (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2020), 40.

Proclamation, Response, and Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:6-13

26:6 While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper,

26:7 a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table.

26:8 When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. “Why this waste?” they asked.

26:9 “This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor.”

26:10 Aware of this, Jesus said to them, “Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me.

26:11 The poor you will always have with you,[a] but you will not always have me.

26:12 When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial.

26:13 Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

*This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!***

Children’s Corner

Labenyimoh Patrick

Praise

“Jesus Loves Me This I know”

Sermon

“Rule of life”

Labenyimoh Patrick

***Presentation of Offering**

Sending Forth

***Closing Hymn**

“Take Time to Be Holy“

UMH 395

***Benediction**