

**CHILMARK COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**First Sunday in Lent**

**February 18, 2024**

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**MEDITATION**

*“Lent is a time to quit running, to let ourselves be caught and embraced in love, like a sheep with safe pasture, like a traveler offered rich and unexpected food.”*

*- Walter Brueggemann*

**GATHERING**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Quiet

Introit *Glory Be to the Father* #71

\*Call to Worship (\*please stand as you are able)

One: Our souls are created to be God’s dwelling place, and the dwelling place of the soul is God.

**All: As we worship, we experience God who dwells in us. Through our worship, we dwell in God.**

One: As we make the Holy One our dwelling place, no evil shall overtake us, Come, live and love in the shelter of the Most High and say, “God is my refuge and fortress in whom I trust.”

**All: Through our worship, we love the God who dwells in us, and in whom we dwell. God is our refuge and our home. Amen and amen.**

\*Hymn *He’s Got the Whole World (insert)*

Prayer of Invocation and Lord’s Prayer (together, seated)  
**O Holy One, we come to you in gladness and expectation to begin our Lenten exploration. You offer steadfast love as our strong refuge; your boundless grace is our sheltering presence. In the unity of worship, we trust that you will speak to us and through us as we begin this journey with each other and with Christ. Prepare our hearts to seek you and embrace**

**you, to hear you and follow you, to love you and to serve you. All of these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray: Our Father, who 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 who 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.**

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Scriptures Psalm 25:1-10

Mark 1:9-15

Sermon From Baptism to Wilderness Rev. Dr. Wright

Interlude

Pastoral and Silent Prayer

Prayer Response

**THANKSGIVING**

The Offering

\*Doxology #95

\*Unison Offering Prayer

**We dedicate these gifts and ourselves to you, generous God. They represent who we are, what we have, and what we do. May our gifts be used in your service. Make us aware of your sacred presence in our lives and give us the grace to hear your voice and answer its call. Amen.**

\*Hymn *Joyful, Joyful* #89

Benediction

Postlude

***Please join us for Fellowship and Coffee in the parish hall after the service***

Rev. Dr. Charlotte Wright, Pastor

Sean McMahon, Music Minister

Emily Broderick, Lay Leader