

First Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2019

10:00 A.M.

Violet



Prelude *Jesus Paid It All* – by John Grape, arr. Hayes/Gaspard
Amazing Grace! – by G. F. Handel, arr. Matthew McConnell
(*You are invited to a time of quiet preparation for worship during the Prelude.*)

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Informal Moments

Choral Introit

*Call to Worship & Lenten Candle Ceremony

L: On this first Sunday of Lent, we begin our journey to the cross as we follow the Light of the World!

P: We follow Jesus, no matter where we are led.

L: Jesus was called into the wilderness, to face the troubles and temptations of this world.

P: He overcame them and did not give in!

L: Still our world is filled with lures that seek to pull us away from the Light of Christ.

P: Still we face challenges as a people, and we often choose darkness over light.

(Extinguish the First Candle)

L: As our journey through Lent begins, we extinguish one candle. Still we trust that, in the end, light will not be lost!

P: We trust that God will see us through all the woes and troubles of this life. Come, let us worship.

*Opening Hymn

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

No. 185

***Doxology**

No. 44

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

(As our morning offerings are brought forward, so too are the non-perishable food offerings from the basket in the Narthex for St. Philip's Food Pantry.)

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Good and Gracious God, bless the offerings that we place before you. May they sustain your ministries of light and love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WHEN LIGHT SEEMS LOST – A Lenten Preaching Series

Sermon *“Tantalizing Temptations”* Rev. Josh Fitterling

*Closing Hymn *All My Hope on God is Founded* No. 416

*Benediction

*Congregational Benediction *Go Now In Peace (in the back of the hymnal)*

Postlude *Festive Voluntary* – by Robert Lau



*All who are able may stand.

All are invited to join us after worship for refreshments.

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We welcome you to the First Congregational Church of Wiscasset.
We are an open and affirming congregation and are open theologically,
growing spiritually, and concerned socially.



Those Serving You Today
Bell Ringer: Brad Adler
Ushers: Susan Kubler & Dan Bigley
Flowers: Susan Kubler
Coffee Hour Servers: Diaconate

Announcements

If you have a **prayer request**, please enter it in the book at the rear of the sanctuary. The book will be brought forward during the first hymn. If you have **Bulletin Announcements**, please send them to the office by Wednesday of each week to be included the following Sunday.

Today: Worship & Church School
Bible Study 6pm

March 11: Game Night 6pm

March 12: Healthy Kids Playgroup 10am-12pm
Sheepscot Chorus 7pm

March 13: Organ Society 9:30am
Faithfully Facing Death Study 11:30am-1pm

March 14: Chase Point Worship Service 10:30am
Choir Rehearsal 4pm

March 17: Worship & Church School 10am
Diaconate AW
No Bible Study

Sunday Night Bible Study

The study of 1 Corinthians led by Rev. Josh will continue in March! Bible Study will meet in Fellowship Hall at 6pm on March 3rd, 10th, 24th, 31st. Join us for one session or for them all!

Faithfully Facing Death—A Lenten Study Series

Wednesdays from 11:30am–1pm

Beginning on Wednesday, March 13th, join us for this adult education study series co-facilitated by Rev. Josh Fitterling and Rev. Oscar Wallace. Throughout this 5-week study, with our faith as our guide, we will explore mortality, suffering, pain, death, and the celebration of life. Discussion will include practical information for advanced planning and decision making, as well as offer a place for us to wrestle with this often difficult subject.

If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Josh at 882-7544 or joshfitterling@myfairpoint.net.

Installation Service at First Congregational Church of Camden—Sunday, March 17, 2019, 2:00pm

Rev. Dr. Ute Susanna Molitor will be installed on March 17 as the new pastor at First Congregational Church of Camden, 55 Elm Street, Camden. Dr. Robert A. Jonas—founder of the Empty Bell and a spiritual guide and psychologist—will be preaching. If you are interested in going to the service, please see Rev. Josh.