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**First Sunday in Lent**

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# WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

## Prelude

*Prelude on "Wondrous Love"*

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## Introit

*Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord*

Arr. Donald Moore  
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## Welcome

## † Opening Music

*Jesus, Tempted in the Desert*

TFWS 2105

1. Jesus, tempted in the desert,  
lonely, hungry, filled with dread:  
"Use your power," the tempter tells him;  
"Turn these barren rocks to bread!"

"Not alone by bread," he answers,  
"Can the human heart be filled.  
Only by the Word that calls us  
is our deepest hunger stilled!"

2. Jesus, tempted at the temple,  
high above its ancient wall:  
"Throw yourself from lofty turret;  
angels wait to break your fall!"

Jesus shuns such empty marvels,  
feats that fickle crowds request:  
"God, whose grace protects, preserves us,  
we must never vainly test."

3. Jesus, tempted on the mountain  
by the lure of vast domain:  
"Fall before me! Be my servant!  
Glory, fame, you're sure to gain!"

Jesus sees the dazzling vision,  
turns his eyes another way:  
"God alone deserves our homage!  
God alone will I obey!"

4. When we face temptation's power,  
lonely, struggling, filled with dread,  
Christ, who knew the tempter's hour,  
come and be our living bread.

By your grace, protect, preserve us  
lest we fall your trust betray.  
Yours, above all other voices,  
be the Word we hear, obey.

## **Blessing for Children**

## **Prayers of the People**

*A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying.  
A time of silence will indicate when you may share one name or very short phrase to add.*

## **Pastoral Prayer**

# WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

## **Scripture**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (CEB)

Once you have entered the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you take possession of it and are settled there, take some of the early produce of the fertile ground that you have harvested from the land the Lord your God is giving you, and put it in a basket. Then go to the location the Lord your God selects for his name to reside. Go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him: “I am declaring right now before the Lord my God that I have indeed arrived in the land the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.”

The priest will then take the basket from you and place it before the Lord your God’s altar. Then you should solemnly state before the Lord your God:

“My father was a starving Aramean. He went down to Egypt, living as an immigrant there with few family members, but that is where he became a great nation, mighty and numerous. The Egyptians treated us terribly, oppressing us and forcing hard labor on us. So we cried out for help to the Lord, our ancestors’ God. The Lord heard our call. God saw our misery, our trouble, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, with awesome power, and with signs and wonders. He brought us to this place and gave us this land—a land full of milk and honey. So now I am bringing the early produce of the fertile ground that you, Lord, have given me.”

Set the produce before the Lord your God, bowing down before the Lord your God. Then celebrate all the good things the Lord your God has done for you and your family—each one of you along with the Levites and the immigrants who are among you.

Luke 4:1-13 (CEB)

Jesus returned from the Jordan River full of the Holy Spirit, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. There he was tempted for forty days by the devil. He ate nothing during those days and afterward Jesus was starving. The devil said to him, “Since you are God’s Son, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.”

Jesus replied, “It’s written, People won’t live only by bread.”

Next the devil led him to a high place and showed him in a single instant all the kingdoms of the world. The devil said, “I will give you this whole domain and the glory of all these kingdoms. It’s been entrusted to me and I can give it to anyone I want. Therefore, if you will worship me, it will all be yours.”

Jesus answered, “It’s written, You will worship the Lord your God and serve only him.”

The devil brought him into Jerusalem and stood him at the highest point of the temple. He said to him, “Since you are God’s Son, throw yourself down from here; for it’s written: He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you and they will take you up in their hands so that you won’t hit your foot on a stone.”

Jesus answered, “It’s been said, Don’t test the Lord your God.” After finishing every temptation, the devil departed from him until the next opportunity.

### Scriptural Response

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### Anthem

*Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

Arr. Hal Hopson

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### Message

*Giving Up Control*

Rev. Bob Rhodes

## WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

### Response in the World

### Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory

*Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*

Garrett Parker

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### † Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 95

### Confession, Assurance, and Peace

**All: Your ways, Merciful One, always lead to life. When our faith falters, and when we forget the promises you have made, remind us of your steadfast love. When our strength fails us in the wilderness of life, and when temptations threaten to lead us astray, remind us of Christ’s faithfulness. When our world seems imperiled by forces beyond our control, remind us that you are our refuge and strength. In Christ’s name, we pray for your presence, as we journey this Lenten journey with him all the way to the cross. Amen.**

Liturgist: All who call on the name of the Lord will be saved. Trust the promises of God. Believe in Christ Jesus with your whole heart. Confess what the Spirit has done for you and you will abide in life everlasting. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving and Holy Communion**

*Online worshipers are invited to select elements including bread and juice (or similar) from their homes to participate in Holy Communion. Please wait until directed before receiving your elements.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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.

## **WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

† **Closing Music:**

*God Will Take Care of You*

UMH 130

1. Be not dismayed, whate'er betide,  
God will take care of you;  
beneath his wings of love abide;  
God will take care of you.  
  
*Refrain*  
God will take care of you,  
through every day, o'er all the way;  
he will take care of you,  
God will take care of you.
2. Through days of toil when heart doth fail,  
God will take care of you;  
when dangers fierce your path assail,  
God will take care of you.

*Refrain*  
God will take care of you,  
through every day, o'er all the way;  
he will take care of you,  
God will take care of you.

3. All you may need he will provide,  
God will take care of you;  
nothing you ask will be denied,  
God will take care of you.

*Refrain*

God will take care of you,  
through every day, o'er all the way;  
he will take care of you,  
God will take care of you.

4. No matter what may be the test,  
God will take care of you;  
lean, weary one, upon his breast,  
God will take care of you.

*Refrain*

God will take care of you,  
through every day, o'er all the way;  
he will take care of you,  
God will take care of you.

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Postlude on "The Glory of These Forty Days"*

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