

WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRELUDE

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley, arr. J. Chrisman¹

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

The journey begins in the wilderness.

**People: We follow the way of Jesus,
who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.**

Leader: Like Jesus, we are not alone.

The Holy Spirit is with us. God's Word is on our lips.

**People: Our call is to trust in God alone,
to do God's will in all things.
For God leads us not only into the wilderness,
but also through the wilderness.**

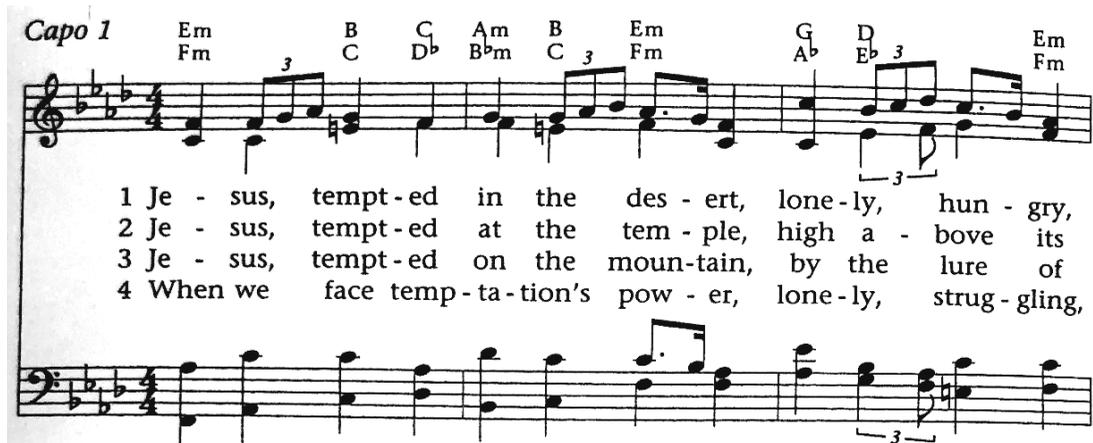
PRAYER OF ADORATION

***HYMN**

Jesus, Tempted in the Desert, Ebenezer²

Capo 1

Em Fm B C Am B Em G D Em
Fm C C^b B^bm C₃ Fm A^b E^b₃ Fm



1 Je - sus, tempt - ed in the des - ert, lone - ly, hun - gry,
2 Je - sus, tempt - ed at the tem - ple, high a - bove its
3 Je - sus, tempt - ed on the moun - tain, by the lure of
4 When we face temp - ta - tion's pow - er, lone - ly, strug - gling,

A B7 Em Em B C C Am B Em
 B \flat C7 Fm Fm C D \flat B \flat m C Fm



filled with dread; "Use your pow'r," the tempt - er tells him;
 an - cient wall; "Throw your - self from loft - y tur - ret;
 vast do - main; "Fall be - fore me! Be my ser - vant!
 filled with dread, Christ, who knew the tempt - er's hour,



G D Em A B7 Em G D
 A \flat E \flat Fm B \flat C7 Fm A \flat E \flat



"Turn these bar - ren rocks to bread!" "Not a - lone by
 an - gels wait to break your fall!" Je - sus shuns such
 Glo - ry, fame you're sure to gain!" Je - sus sees the
 come and be our liv - ing bread. By your grace, pro -



Em B Em Am D Em C B
 Fm C Fm B \flat m E \flat Fm D \flat C



bread," he an - swers, "can the hu - man heart be filled.
 emp - ty mar - vels, feats that fick - le crowds re - quest;
 daz - zling vi - sion, turns his eyes an - oth - er way;
 tect, pre - serve us, lest we fall, your trust be - tray.



Em Fm B C C D^b A B^b B C Em Fm

On - ly by the Word that calls us
 "God, whose grace pro - tects, pre - serves us,
 "God a - lone de - serves our hom - age!
 Yours, a - bove all oth - er voic - es,

G D G C A B7 Em
 A^b E^b A^b D^b B^b C7 Fm

is our deep - est hun - ger stilled!"
 we must nev - er vain - ly test."
 God a - lone will I o - bey!
 be the Word we hear, o - bey.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame, O God. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation. In Christ's name we pray (continue with silent confession...) Amen.

SONG OF CONFESSION 577

Kyrie Eleison, Reindorf³

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Scripture declares the Lord is generous to all who call on God's name.
Friends, believe the good news: God does not turn away from us,
but desires to bring us into the glorious freedom offered in Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amy Poland

After the message, children may join the teacher for Children's Time in room 11.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 91:1-16

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. 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. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to

Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

SERMON

You Will Not Fear

***HYMN**

When We are Tested, Slane⁴

1 When we are tested and wrestle alone, Famished for bread when the world offers stone, Nourish us, God, by your word and your way, Food that sustains us by night and by day.

2 When in the desert we cry for relief, Pleading for paths marked by certain belief, Lift us to love you beyond sign and and test, Trusting your presence, our only true rest.

3 When we are tempted to barter our souls, Trading the truth for the power to control, Teach us to worship and praise only you, Seeking your will in the work that we do.

4 When we have struggled and searched through the night, Sorting and sifting the wrong from the right, Savior, surround us with circles of care, Angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 471 *O Lord, Hear My Prayer, Taize Ecumenical Community⁵*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise (*prayer continues...*) Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and every place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: Sanctus Hymn 565 - Holy, Holy, Holy⁶

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty (*prayer continues...*) Now accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to be a holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

People: Memorial Acclamation Hymn 560 - Christ Has Died, Christ Is Risen⁷

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us (*prayer continues...*) We pray the prayer taught to us by our Lord Jesus Christ:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF BREAD AND POURING OF CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

On Eagle's Wings, M. Joncas⁸

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 166

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days, St. Flavian⁹

1 Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

2 As you with Satan did contend and did the victory win, O give us strength to persevere, in you to conquer sin.

3 And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide, yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

4 Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Give Me Jesus, arr. M. Hayes¹⁰

WORSHIP NOTES

Offerings and friendship forms may be placed in the plates as you exit the sanctuary. Join us for coffee fellowship after worship downstairs in fellowship hall.

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WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Study

Join Pastor Scott on the Journey of Lent now through Holy Week (April 15) using the devotional: *Living into Lent*. The Lenten journey is a shared journey. *Living into Lent*, written by noted Presbyterian theologian, educator, and author Donald K. McKim, sets aside time each day during the Lenten season for readers to reflect on their Christian identities, listen to God's Word and will, and engage in practices that deepen the Christian experience through discipleship.

Pastor Scott will lead a 45-minute discussion session based on the devotional readings from *Living into Lent*. There will be **two opportunities** to join the discussion each week during Lent: **Sundays at 11:15am** (in lieu of the pastor's Bible Study) and **Thursdays at 6:30pm** (via Zoom—link sent in Thursday Announcements). The book is \$13 and currently available in the Narthex (you can also find it on Kindle).

WPC Rummage Sale

Mark you're calendars—It's back! The fabulous Westminster rummage sale is coming on Saturday, **April 23, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m!** The committee has decided to pare back to one sale per year in the spring. What do we need from YOU?

We will need help setting up Wednesday afternoon, April 20, and all day Thursday and Friday, April 21-22. We also could use willing hands to clean up 1-3 p.m. on Saturday. We can take donations **ONLY** the week of the sale: please make sure all items are clean, in working order, and in new or gently used condition. We cannot put out for sale anything that is soiled or dirty, torn, broken, or not working. Questions? Want to volunteer? Contact Beth Swedeen at ineedmycoffee2@aol.com or Sara Pope at rosegirl1991@yahoo.com Sale profits go to local non-profits, and we often donate unsold items at the end of the sale to local charity groups. Everyone who volunteers is guaranteed a fun time!

A Special Blessing

Proud grandparents Doug & Juanita Halls shared some wonderful news...the arrival of Ava Grace Henkelis-Halls, born February 24 in Albuquerque. "Cutest baby girl in the world in our opinion and very healthy despite some pregnancy complications." Congratulations Halls family!

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

Care List (rotating weekly): Kelly McCann, Nell Seiberlich, Shirley Toomey, Kathy Waggener, Wade Waggener

Members & Friends: Nancy Prine, Jerry Donnell, Gordon Bischel (Dorothy Schroeder's nephew), Steve & Cathy Wilkins (Gay's daughter and son-in-law), Connie Dettloff