Order of Worship

March 9, 2025 10:00 AM

Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

Prelude What Wondrous Love arr. Smyth

Welcome Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Greeting

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 temptation upon temptation

is thrown upon Jesus,

and yet he 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:

All: 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.

Hymn Never Once

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Jesus,

We confess that when we read about your temptations, we excuse ourselves. After all, we reason, we are not you. Of course, you passed the test, we say. You're God, right? But we mere mortals have no expectation that we can withstand evil like you did. But we are reminded that you are not only Savior; you are example. You faced the temptation to prove yourself, to be spectacular, and to have consuming power. And you walked away, resisting. Forgive us when we have not resisted; when we

have yielded to temptation. Forgive us for loving power and prestige more than God. Help us to choose a life rooted in God's word and grace. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Leader: Walking this earth,

facing temptation,

defeating sin,

Jesus has done for us what we could never do for ourselves.

This is good news!

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Anthem Oh, Be Careful Harry Dixon Loes

Cherub Choir

Children's Message

Scripture Luke 4:1-13

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rescue Me Rev. Wines

Prayer of the PeopleRev. Furtado-Gilliam

Offering

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You may text to give at 84321 or go to the Online Worship page of our website

and click "Make your online offering."

Sending Forth

Hymn O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Benediction Rev. Wines

Beloved, you—you—who live in the shelter of the Most High and abide in the shadow of the Almighty —will find in God your refuge and fortress. Go now, in the blessing of the Triune God who shelters you and rescues you, that we all might be a shelter and a rescue for and with one another. Amen.

Postlude Variation on St. Anne McBride

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

Prayer of Confession: Written by Valerie Bridgeman Davis, The Africana Worship Book, Year C (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2008), 146.

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

https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/steadfast-love-a-lenten-playlist/first-sunday-in-lent-year-c-lectionary-planning-notes/first-sunday-in-lent-year-c-liturgical-resources