

Order of Worship
February 26th 2023 ~ The 1st Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

After he was baptized by John,
Jesus went by himself to the wilderness
where he was tempted.

**Forty days in the desert, Jesus was tempted
to become relevant, spectacular, and powerful.**

Today, we begin to journey with Jesus through the season of Lent,
which brings us to face some of our own weaknesses and temptations.

**Let us worship God and walk the journey together,
seeking the spirit as our guide and companion along the way.
Amen.**

~ Chris Heckert

Hymn of Praise

Shepherd Me, O God
WS #214

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my
wants, beyond my fears, from death
into life.

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing
shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness
and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my
wants, beyond my fears, from death
into life.

2. Gently you raise me and heal my
weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of
righteousness and truth,

my spirit shall sing the music of your
name.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my
wants, beyond my fears, from death
into life.

3. Though I should wander the
valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort
and my hope.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my
wants, beyond my fears, from death
into life.

4. You have set me a banquet of
love in the face of hatred,

crowning me with love beyond my
pow'r to hold.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my
wants, beyond my fears, from death
into life.

5. Surely your kindness and mercy
follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God
for evermore.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my
wants, beyond my fears, from death
into life.

Text: Psalm 23; Marty Haugen, b.1950, ◆ 1986, GIA Publications, Inc.

Opening Prayer

Artist of souls,
you sculpted a people for yourself
out of the rocks of wilderness and fasting.
Help us as we take up your invitation to prayer and simplicity,
that the discipline of these forty days
may sharpen our hunger for the feast of your holy friendship,
and whet our thirst for the living water you offer
through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Special Music

You'll Come
Brooke Ligertwood

Scripture Reading

Sherri Goodwin, reader

Matthew 4:1-11

New Living Translation

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. 2 For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry.

3 During that time the devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread."

4 But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say,

'People do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, 6 and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say,

'He will order his angels to protect you.
And they will hold you up with their hands
so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'"

7 Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God.'"

8 Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 "I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will kneel down and worship me."

10 "Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say,

'You must worship the Lord your God
and serve only him.'"

11 Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Lent and the Three Little Pigs

Senior Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Robert de Wetter

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

Sherri Goodwin, Reader

Offertory

Holy Darkness

Dan Schutte

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heav'nly host

Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Amen

Communion

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

O The Deep, Deep Love Of Jesus
RH #352

Verse 1

O the deep deep love of Jesus
Vast unmeasured boundless free
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me
Underneath me all around me
Is the current of Thy love
Leading onward leading homeward
To my glorious rest above

Verse 2

O the deep deep love of Jesus
Spread His praise from shore to
shore
How He loveth ever loveth
Changeth never nevermore
How He watches o'er His loved
ones
Died to call them all His own
How for them He intercedeth
Watches over them from the throne

Verse 3

O the deep deep love of Jesus
Love of every love the best
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing
'Tis a haven sweet of rest
O the deep deep love of Jesus
'Tis a heaven of heavens to me
And it lifts me up to glory
For it lifts me up to Thee

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Closing Prayer

Gracious God, help us during this season of Lent. Give us eyes to see how you are at work in all things. Give us perseverance to follow you more closely. Give us a hunger to read your Word and to seek to know you more each day. Help us to trust that You will move in our lives, in your perfect timing and in your beautiful way. In your name we pray, **Amen**.

~ adapted from Tiffany Thibault

Blessing

Postlude

Our love in action now begins

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by
Micha Schoepe & Paul Dankers.

Thank you to all of this Sunday's volunteers!

Altar Setting – Sharon Hall

Greeters – Jeanne and Randy Woods

Scripture & Prayers of the people – Sherri Goodwin

Communion Assistant – Jeanne and Randy Woods

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