

**February 26, 2023**

*First Sunday in Lent*

8:30 a.m.



**Prelude**

*Praise the Father*

arr. Anna Laura Page

**\*Call to Worship**

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.**

**\*Hymn #269**

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* (stanzas 1, 2, and 3)

**\*A Lenten Creed**

**\*Response**

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

**Welcome**

**Connect Card**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Offertory**

*O, My God, Bestow Thy Tender Mercy*

Pergolesi/Hopson

O, my God, bestow Thy tender mercy. Blot out my transgressions; cleanse my sin. O God, bestow Thy tender love. Hear me, restore me; from all my sins, O hide Thy face from my sin. O, my God, bestow Thy tender mercy; cleanse my sin. Restore the joy: restore me, forgive me, uphold me, O God, hear me. I cry to Thee, hear Thou my prayer. Cast me not away. Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Open Thou my lips, my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

**Kids' Place** (Children age 4 thru 2nd grade are invited to attend Kids' Place)

**Prayer/Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn #2105**

*Jesus, Tempted in the Desert*

[The Faith We Sing]

**Scripture**

Matthew 4: 1-11

Kim Gibson

**Message**

"Who Will You Listen To?"

Pastor Greg Cox

**Next Steps**

**Prayer**

**\*Hymn #2112**

*Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley*

[The Faith We Sing]

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

arr. Bill Wolaver

*\*invites worshipers to stand*

Message Notes  
**February 26, 2023**

**“Who Will You Listen To?”**

**Scripture:** Matthew 4:1-11

Resilience

**Pastor Greg Cox**

**Sermon Notes:**

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**Next Steps**

- Read Matthew 4:1-11; Mk 1:12-13; Lk 4:1-13
- Pray for God’s voice to be a part of your week. Participate in the weekly devotionals.
- Take some time to serve in a vulnerable place this week.

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*The flowers in the chancel are to the glory of God and given by*  
 Mr. & Mrs. R. M. Taylor in honor of their 23<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary and  
 Karen Wingrove and family in memory of Pete Wingrove..

*Participants:* Pastor Greg Cox; Pastor Cyndi Bloise; Benjamin Bugaile, Music and Worship Leader; Don Megahan, Organist/Choirmaster; Kim Gibson, Scripture Reader

*Musicians:* Wesleyan Choir

<p><b>Upcoming:</b>          Pastor Cyndi Bloise          8:30 a.m. (traditional)          10:00 a.m. (traditional)          11:00 a.m. (contemporary)</p>	<p><b>Visit our Information Centers for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our monthly news brief</li> <li>• Specific ministry and event information</li> <li>• Opportunities to serve</li> <li>• Reading and devotional materials</li> <li>• Registration forms</li> </ul>
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