

Prelude "Chanson" by Eugene Englert

Deanna Gibeau, Organist

Welcome Pastor Clarissa

Centering Music "Light of God" by Michael Shea

***Invocation** Sue Fowell, Liturgist

***Call To Worship**

L: Jesus began his ministry to the world, led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

P: As we begin our Lenten journey, let us be led by the Spirit, even into the uncomfortable places.

L: In those forty days, and in that place, Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt and temptation.

L: As we seek to follow Jesus, we would be led, even into the uncomfortable choices.

L: Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to God, rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.

P: As we continue on our path to faithfulness, we will be led by our Christ, rejoicing in the Lord our God

***Prayer of Transfiguration (unison)**

All: Understanding God, thank you for listening to us, when we gripe and complain. Thank you for watching over us when we stumble or lose our way. Help us to recognize that you are our bread and butter. You are our daily bread and the foundation on which our lives are built. You are our evening meal and the substance with which our wilderness journey is sustained. Feed us with your care and comfort us with your peace. Fill us with your presence and shape us for your purpose. In love and thanksgiving, we proclaim that you are the Lord our God. Hallelujah, amen.

***Words of Assurance**

L: Fellow travelers on the road to Easter, always remember that there is much more forgiveness in God than we could ever exhaust. Receive from God, through the grace of Christ, the blessing of sins forgiven, and a right relationship restored.

All: Through Christ Jesus our Saviour. Amen!

*** "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" TFWS 2112**

***Prayer for Illumination** Liturgist

***Gospel Reading ~ Mark 1:9-15 (Unison) (on screen)**

L: The Word of God for the people of God,
P: thanks be to God.

Chancel Choir "Full Control" by Dan R. Edwards
Dave Bertelsen, Director

Sermon Pastor Clarissa
"Lent – Spiritual roller coaster"

A Service of Word and Table II UMH pgs. 13 & 14
(words on screen)

Responding to God's Word

Prayer of the People Pastor Clarissa

P: Lord in your mercy; **All: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God in Community, Holy in One, Rock of every age, we offer the prayer Jesus has taught us...

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.

***Offering/Doxology (words on screen)** UMH 94

***Offertory Prayer (on screen)**

***Closing Hymn** "Spirit Song" UMH 347

***Sending Forth** Liturgist
***Benediction** Pastor Clarissa

***Postlude** "I Need Thee" by James Southbridge

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