

Lenten  
Midweek  
Worship



Feb. 25, 2026  
12 noon

## **Prelude Welcome**

### **Gathering**

P: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

### **Opening Prayer**

P: Let us pray. O God, rich in mercy, ...  
... Christ, through whom we pray.

**All: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn: ELW #506 "The Word of God is Source and Seed"**

**1. The Word of God is source and seed; it comes to die and sprout and grow.  
So make your dark earth welcome warm; root deep the grain God bent to sow.**

***Refrain:* In the Lord let us rejoice, in the Lord let us rejoice, in the Lord let us rejoice!**

**2. The Word of God is breath and life; it comes to heal and wake and save.  
So let the Spirit touch and mend and rouse your dry bones from their grave. *Refrain***

**3. The Word of God is flesh and grace, who comes to sing, to laugh and cry.  
So dare to be as Jesus was, who came to live and love and die. *Refrain***

## The Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11 NRSVue

P: Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil.  
<sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup> But he answered, “It is written,  
‘One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”  
<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”  
<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”  
<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ”  
<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Meditation:** Pastor Craig Brown

**Prayers of Intercession:** *after each petition, please respond:*

P: ... we pray,

**All: ...hear us and have mercy.**

**Time of Healing & Prayer**

*Those who desire prayer and anointing are invited to kneel at the altar.*

*You may also come forward and light a candle around the cross.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**All: 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; and lead us  
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Closing Song: ELW #319 "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"**

- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days you prayed and kept the fast;  
inspire repentance for our sin, and free us from our past.**
- 2 You strove with Satan, and you won; your faithfulness endured;  
lend us your nerve, your skill, and trust in God's eternal word.**
- 3 Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind above;  
so teach us to deny ourselves that we may know God's love.**
- 4 Be with us through this season, Lord, and all our earthly days,  
that when the final Easter dawns, we join in heaven's praise.**

**Dismissal:**

**P: Go in peace. Follow in the way of Christ.**

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*We invite you to remain in the worship space for our  
Spring Serenade concert directly following worship.*

We invite you to participate in noon worship each Wednesday through March 25;  
and especially for our next Spring Serenades: March 11 - Steve Shanley, Jazz Piano Duo  
with student Chase Beightler and March 25 - Hsin-Hui Liu, Piano and Zongxi Li, Trombone

# Spring Serenades

Presented by Coe College Music Faculty

**Wednesday, February 25, 2026**

**Tom Nothnagle, Guitar**

## PROGRAM

Jeux Interdits .....	Traditional
Piece in B Minor, Op. 35, No. 22 .....	Fernando Sor
Meditation in E .....	Tom Nothnagle
Medley of Spirituals.....	Traditional
Oh, Happy Day.....	Philip Doddridge, 1755



## BIOGRAPHY – Tom Nothnagle

As a lifelong Iowan, "Guitar Tom" Nothnagle has taught and performed locally and regionally for nearly 50 years primarily as a guitarist in varied genres, though also on bass, banjo, mandolin, and ukulele. In recent years in the Cedar Rapids area he has performed and taught at Coe College and Orchestra Iowa.

Maybe you heard him as a banjoist with Orchestra Iowa at the Paramount, or playing the National Anthem at Veterans Memorial Stadium for the Kernels, or among the vendors at Hawkeye Downs for Made in Iowa.

