

Order of Worship

*Please stand as you are able

First Sunday of Lent

Prelude

It is Well

arr. Whitworth

Call to Worship

One: When we call on the Lord, God will answer.

All: God will be with us in trouble to rescue and honor us.

One: Let us make the Lord our refuge, the Most High our dwelling place.

All: Let us worship God.

***Gathering Hymn**

"You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord" #43, Hymnal

***Prayer of the Day**

Spirit in the wilderness, our refuge and fortress, our God, in whom we trust—as we begin our Lenten journey, sustain us with your presence. Through whatever tests and trails we face, no matter the temptations we encounter, inspire our minds and guide our bodies. As you filled and strengthened Jesus to withstand challenges, keep us rooted in the promises of your word so that we may resist temptation and glorify you. May we call on your name and rely on your power. With reverence and delight we pray. Amen.

Call to Confession

The Lord is a refuge and fortress for us, protecting us from evil. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

We confess to you, O God, that we have been tempted by evil and have succumbed to sin. You nourish us with your eternal word, but we hunger for bread that perishes. You call us to worship you alone, but we seek to serve worldly powers. You offer us salvation, but we gamble with the gift of life. Forgive us God of grace. Guide us by your Word and guard us with your Spirit, so that we may live in faith and follow you faithfully; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.



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Waterloo, IA**



Assurance of Pardon

One: Hear the promise of the Lord: when you call on me, I will answer;
I will satisfy you with life and show you my saving love.
This is the good news of God's reconciling love:
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
All: Thanks be to God.

*Response to Grace

#555, Hymnal

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.**

*Passing The Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you!**
(The people exchange signs of Christ's peace and reconciling love)

Life of the Church

Ministry of Music

Into the Woods My Master Went

Gawthrop

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:1-13 (pg. 61, NT)

Sermon

Lent As Internal Test

Rev. Dr. Randy Argall

Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

pg, 34, Hymnal

*Song of Response

"When We Are Tested"

#783, Hymnal

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
... **Sanctus** (#552, Hymnal)
... **Memorial Acclamation** (#553)
... **Amen** (#554)

Lord's Prayer *(pg. 35, Hymnal)*

Breaking of the Bread
Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

Lord God, we give thanks for your mercy—welcoming us home from wandering, clothing us with your loving-kindness, and feeding us from your abundant table. Prepare a place for us in your holy realm, where the lost are found, heaven and earth embrace, and the dead are raised to new life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*Song of Sending

"The Glory of These Forty Days"

#165, Hymnal

*Charge and Benediction

... be with you all.
And also with you.

Postlude

It Is Well with My Soul

arr. Berry

*Please refrain from applause during Lent.
Allow some silent moments to reflect on the music.*

The lectionary reader today is Richard Platt

*The pulpit flowers today are provided by Sue Albright,
in loving memory of her dad, C.L. Albright*

First Church Staff

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43 You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord On Eagle's Wings (Psalm 91)

G
Leader or All *D/F#*

1 You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -

G *D/F#* *F*

bide in his shad - ow for life, say to the Lord, "My

Dm *F* *Gm* *Asus* *A*

ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain
All *D* *Em*

And he will raise you up on ea - gles' wings, bear you on the

A7 *D* *D7/F#* *G*

breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun,

A *Bm* *F#m* *Em7* *A* *Dsus* *D* *Fine*

and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Leader or All *G* *D/F#*

2 The snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and

G *D/F#* *F*

fam - ine will bring you no fear: un - der his wings, your

Although the body of this text is a paraphrase of Psalm 91, the refrain combines allusions to Exodus 19:4, Psalm 139:9, and Isaiah 40:31; 49:16. Written in response to the death of a friend's father, this piece has been a source of consolation to many people.

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

Dm F Gm Asus A
to Refrain

ref - uge, his faith - ful - ness your shield.

G D/F#
Leader or All

3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, nor the

G D/F# F

ar - row that flies by day; though thou - sands fall a -

Dm F Gm Asus A
to Refrain

bout you, near you it shall not come.

G D/F#
Leader or All

4 For to his an - gels he's giv - en a com - mand to

G D/F# F

guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

Gm7 Am Gm7 Asus A
to Refrain

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

555

O Lamb of God

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)

F C F B^b C F

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)

C F/A Am B^b C Dm

of the world; have mer - cy on us,

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)

B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
 MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1995
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LAND OF REST

OTHER TEXTS FOR WORSHIP

NICENE CREED

Let us confess the faith of the universal church.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

When We Are Tested

783

Capo 2: (Dm) Em (Am) Bm (Dm) Em (Am) Bm



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
 2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
 3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
 4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,

(Em) F#m (B7) C#7 (Em) F#m (Dsus) (D) Esus E



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
 plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
 trad - ing the truth for the power to con - trol,
 sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,

(G) A (D) E (Em7) F#m7 (F) G



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
 lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
 teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
 Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,

(Am6) Bm6 (C) D (Dm) Em (Am) (E) Bm F#



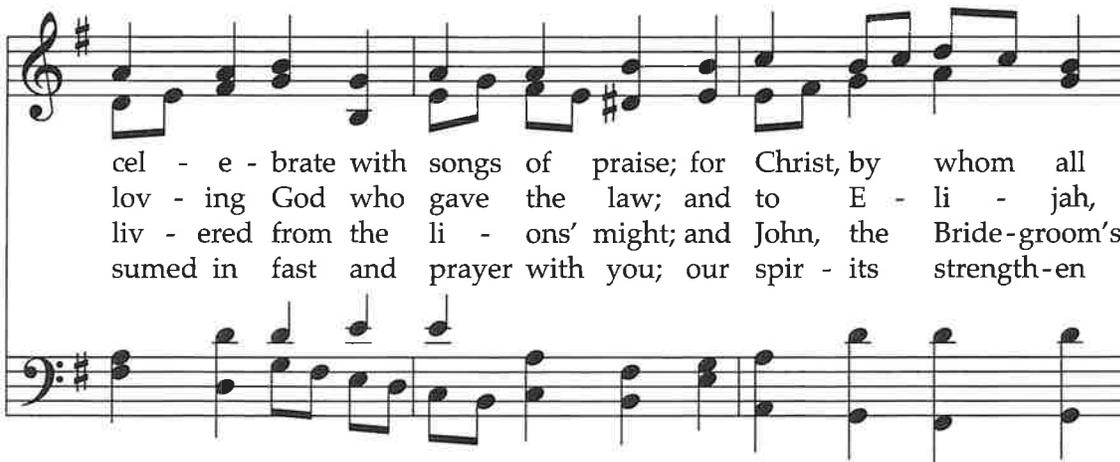
food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Although the Temptation of Christ is mentioned in all three synoptic gospels (Matthew 4:1–11 / Mark 1:12–13 / Luke 4:1–13), this hymn is based on the Lukan version. It is notable that each stanza begins “when,” not “if”; temptation is not an optional feature of the spiritual life.

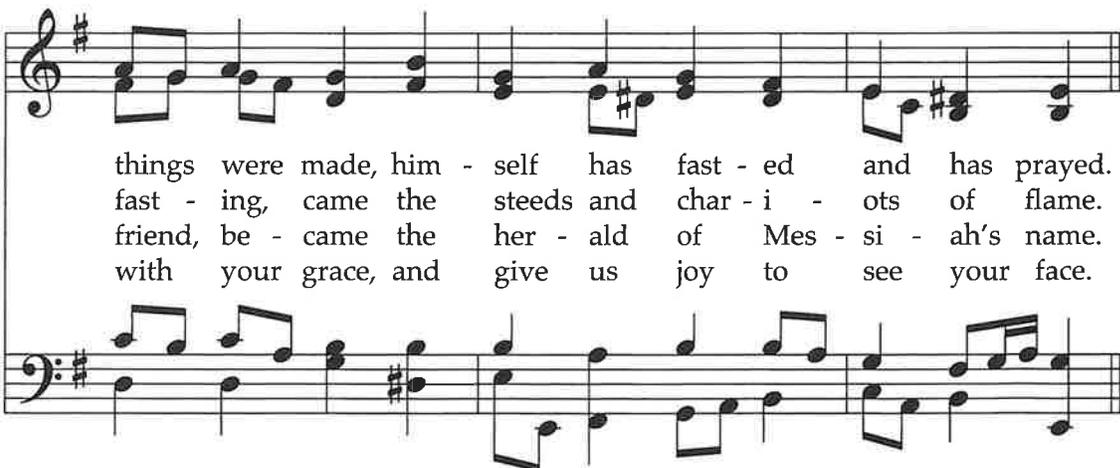
165 The Glory of These Forty Days



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
 4 Then grant that we like them be true, con -



cel - e - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, by whom all
 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride-groom's
 sumed in fast and prayer with you; our spir - its strength-en



things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Appropriate for singing at any time during Lent, this stately text connects Jesus' wilderness fast with the solitary testing of other prophetic souls: Moses, Elijah, Daniel, and John the Baptist. This sturdy 16th-century chorale melody formed the basis of Bach's *Cantata 126*.