

\* Hymn of Commitment *Jesus, Tempted in the Desert*

TFWS 2105

\* Benediction

Leader: May the Spirit of the Living God, made known to us  
most fully within life's Dark Wood:

People: Go before you to show you the way.

Leader: Go above you to watch over you.

People: Go behind you to push you into places  
you may not necessarily go yourself.

Leader: Go beneath you to uphold and uplift you.

People: Go beside you to be your strong and  
constant companion.

\* Postlude

#### Clergy and Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Dave Summers, Senior Pastor

Rev. Eve Williams, Associate Pastor

Rev. Andrea Andress, Associate Pastor for Spiritual Formation of Children and Families

Rev. Brenda Smith, Director, Children's Ministry and Young Adult Ministry

Christopher Wurpts, Youth Ministries Directro

Dr. Ashley Snavley, Music and Arts Ministries Director and Organist

Dr. Andria Fennig, Worship Accompanist/Director of Contemporary Worship Arts

Thomas Strawser, Assistant Music Director and Youth Choir Director

#### Assisting Today

**Ushers:** Chuck Bivenour, Debbie Doran, Peggy & Earl Northcutt

**Assisting with Communion:** Jack & Kay Jones

**Audio:** Jim DeBusk **Visuals:** Kim Summers

*Chancel flowers are given by  
John & Jackie Stallings in loving memory of  
Jackie's mother, Adeline Fraser*



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## Worship Celebration

April 2, 2017 — 8:00 am

Fifth Sunday in Lent



“The Gift of Temptation”

#### Meditation

Where virtue is, there are many snares.

~St. John Chrysostom



*God's Love in Action™*

All are invited to share in communion this morning. As United Methodists, we practice an “open communion” where all are welcome to come forward as we meet the presence of the living Christ. You will be given a piece of bread to dip into the cup. *Gluten-free wafers are available.*

*When you see an \* in the order of worship, please stand as you are able.*

Hymn Sing Tommy Strawser, Dr. Andria Fennig  
*During Lent, we'll focus on hymns from 256-301 in the UM Hymnal.*

Words of Welcome and Announcements Rev. Eve Williams

Mission Trip Moment Kent Heltne

Threshold to the Dark Wood

Opening Prayer

\* Hymn of Praise *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* Hymnal 340

\* Litany of Confession and Assurance Rev. Andrea Address

Leader: By now, O God, we would think that we would  
have an easier time following you.  
Still we struggle and confess:  
For paying more attention to the expected path  
than the right one,

People: forgive and restore us, O God.

Leader: For denying our very aliveness out of a misguided,  
self-sacrificing agenda,

People: forgive and restore us, O God.

Leader: For valuing the safe choices instead of  
the ones that lead to life,

People: forgive and restore us, O God.

Silent Prayer and Words of Assurance

Leader: In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

\* Moments of Christian Fellowship

\* Hymn of Fellowship *I Stand Amazed in the Presence* vs. 1 & 4  
Hymnal 371

*(please fill out and pass the fellowship pads)*

Anthem *Eye of the Storm* Ryan Stevenson  
Kandice Nelson; soloist

Sharing of God's Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Concerto No. 5 in D Major, 3rd Movement* F. Seitz  
Shari Paris, violin

\* Doxology *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* verse 3 Hymnal 160

\* Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading *Matthew 4:1-11* Barbara Ratliff

Leader: God's word for God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Gifts of the Dark Wood*  
5. "The Gift of Temptation"  
Rev. Eve Williams

A Time for Reflection

The Great Thanksgiving

Blessing of the Bread and Cup

The Lord's Prayer

Music During Communion

*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* Hymnal 358

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Prayer after Communion