

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023

11:00 A.M.

TIME OF GATHERING: Read through Announcements, Pray over Concerns, Meditate on Celebrations and the wonder and grace of God, and Thanksgiving to God....

Please sign the red pads and pass it onto the next person in your pew.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Largo* from Concerto in A minor Antonio Vivaldi

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: The Lord our God grants us a sense of blessing, security and confidence -

People: For God alone is our refuge, our place of safety.

Liturgist: Our past experiences testify that we can always trust His goodness and compassion -

People: For God alone is our refuge, our place of safety.

Liturgist: God's Presence, expressed to us in many ways, leads us closer to Him.

People: For God alone is our refuge, our place of safety.

All: Let us worship this holy and glorious God. Amen.

*HYMN *Soldiers of Christ Arise* No. 513

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

Unison: **O God, our Father, we thank you for our call to worship and learn. You alone know our needs. Satisfy them with your unchanging love. Through Your presence grant us comfort in sorrow, guidance in perplexity, strength to meet temptation, grace to overcome the fascination of disobedience, and courage to face the hostility of this rebellious world. Above all, may we meet Jesus and go from our worship indwelt by His Spirit. This prayer we ask for Your glory and in His Name. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Ephesians 6:10-20*

Liturgist: The Word of God for God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE *Hallelujah! What a Savior* No. 165 vs. 1

**Man of sorrows, what a name for the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim, Hallelujah! What Savior!**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Lenten Creed*

**We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God,
who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.
We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God,
and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.
We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God
who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.
We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures,
and that difficult times and disciplines are also loving gifts.
We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination,
and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.
We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road,
and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.
This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM *God's Grace* Earlene Rentz

GOSPEL READING *Luke 4:1-14*
MESSAGE *"Temptation"* Pastor Cody Young

*HYMN *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* No. 269

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

+Prayer of Confession

Pastor: Facing Temptation, Jesus refused to turn stones into bread.

People: Facing temptation, we often seek to serve ourselves first.

Pastor: Facing temptation, Jesus refused to worship the created over the Creator.

People: Facing temptation, we often bring praise to the wrong places.

Pastor: Facing temptation, Jesus refused to test the promises of God.

**People: Facing temptation, we often expect our will to be done over our
Father's will.**

All: Forgive us and strengthen us through your Holy Spirit. Amen.

+Pastoral Prayer
+Lord's Prayer (trespasses)
+Sung Response

Lead Me, Lord

No. 473

**Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord,
thou, Lord only that makest me dwell in safety.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

David Cherwien

*Congregational Response Tune: *Hendon*

**Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

*HYMN

Precious Name

No. 536

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: No temptation has come upon except what is common to man. But God is faithful; He will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with each temptation He will also provide the way out so you be able to bear it.

People: We go in the strength of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

No. 671 vs. 1

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.**

*POSTLUDE

O Lamb of God Most Holy

Robert Lau

*All stand if possible +All kneel or sit to pray

*The Altar Flowers for today are presented by Nancy Allen
in memory of Jim and Lovica Sherman*

We thank all those who helped with the service this morning.
Liturgist: Joan Sowers

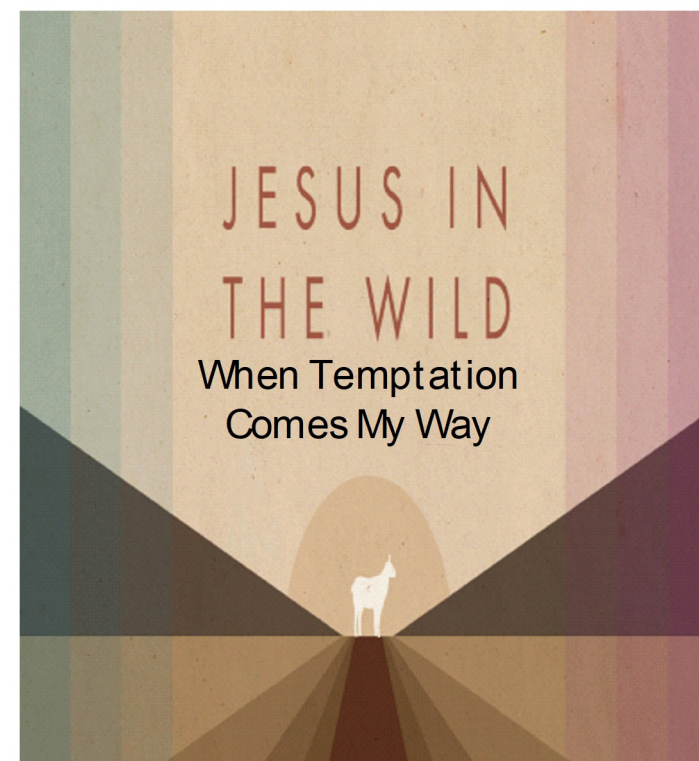


United Methodist
**Church of the
Good Shepherd**
"connecting to broken and hurting people"

Reverend Janet Sadel, Lead Pastor
jsadel@umcogs.org
Reverend Lisa Flory, Pastor
lflory@umcogs.org

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Celebration of Faith



March 12, 2023

Third Sunday in Lent

11:00 A.M.

1500 Quentin Road / Lebanon, PA 17042
church: 717-272-7741 / www.umcogs.org

Sermon Outline:

Jesus in the Wild: Temptation
Luke 4:1-14; Ephesians 6:10-20
Pastor Cody Young

Each and every day, we're faced with temptation. Temptation is a deliberate attempt to convince us to disobey God's Word, and it stems from multiple places. Sometimes, we're tempted by the people around us. Or, it comes from within ourselves due to a deeply rooted sense of pride. Sometimes, the temptation we face is from our spiritual enemies. Regardless of where it comes from, temptation seems to wear us down, and we often give in to the sinful urges that are present in our everyday lives.

While in the wilderness, Jesus was faced with three distinct temptations. At first glance, some of these temptations seem silly. However, beneath each is a lie presented about God. To give in to temptation is to succumb to these lies, and that is not what God wants for us. He wants to provide us with the tools necessary to recognize how we're tempted, detect the lie beneath the temptation, and give us the strength to resist the temptation, no matter how strong it may be.

As we take another look at this wonderful account from Luke 4, we will be given a model for how to respond when temptation comes our way. He will give us everything we need to overcome our spiritual enemy, which will help us become all we are meant to be as a child of God.

* * *

Mission Statement for the Church of the Good Shepherd

We are committed to:

- ▶ Connecting persons to Jesus Christ
- ▶ Connecting with broken and hurting people
- ▶ Challenging persons to grow and celebrate their relationship with Jesus Christ
- ▶ Equipping persons and partnering with them to serve in God-powered ministry

Calendar for Week of 3/12/2023

SUNDAY

8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]
9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]
11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]
11:00 - COGS Kids choir [Hall]
4:00 - CR Step Study [Lounge/Choir rm]

Youth Grades 6-12 please see Youth Page in the Announcements

MONDAY

10-12 - Staff Meeting
6:00 CR Praise Team Rehearsal [WC]
7:00 - Church Council [Lounge]

TUESDAY

7:00 - Book Study

WEDNESDAY

8:30-11:30 - MLLC [rms 200/202]
7:00 - Celebrate Recovery
7:00 - Traditional Choir Rehearsal [Sanctuary]

THURSDAY

5:00 - Contemporary Design Team
5:30 - Traditional Design Team
6:00 - Cricut Class [Hall]
6:30 - Book Study [Rm 21]

FRIDAY - St. Patrick's Day

SATURDAY

8:-4 - Tools for Ministry
9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

SUNDAY - Gretna Glen Camp Sunday

8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]
9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]
11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]
4:00 - CR Step Study [Lounge/Choir rm]

Youth Group - see Youth Page in the Announcements