

February 18, 2024



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"Tested in the Wilderness"

First Sunday of Lent

Mark 1:9-15

Rev. Betsy Wooster

Gathered at Federated Church: 76 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

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10 AM

Chimes indicate the service is starting, and silence is appreciated to prepare for worship.

Prelude *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* (A. Zabel) Marcia Snavely, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Betsy Wooster

Introit *Desert Psalm* (Penny Rodriguez) Federated Choir
Marcia Snavely, piano

* **Call to Worship** (*responsive*) Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

One: Look to the heavens as the season of Lent begins.

All: We see God's spirit hovering near.

One: God draws close at the time of our repentance,

All: as we travel into the wilderness with Jesus.

One: We yearn for the presence of Christ on our journey.

All: The spirit of God is ever upon us.

* **Passing of Christ's Peace**
(Children K-8 leave for Sunday School)

* **Hymn** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* No. 180

Prayer of Confession (*unison*) Rev. Throckmorton

Holy God, breathe your Spirit of life into us. In our day we cannot escape temptation, for it comes in so many forms, from so many forces. As Jesus was tempted, so are we. We can yield to temptations that Jesus did not. Sometimes we do not recognize the sins into which we have slipped. We can find ourselves following the material things of life that draw us away from your spirit. Lead us, Faithful Spirit, through the wilderness of our own creation, that we may once more find our way to you. Help us to rediscover your steadfast love. Amen.

* Those who are able stand

Sung Response *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us* No. 298

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance Rev. Throckmorton

Generosity Impact Moment Rev. Throckmorton

Invitation to Generosity Rev. Throckmorton

Anthem *I'll Walk with God* (N. Brodzky, arr. D. MacLean) Federated Choir
Marcia Snavelly, piano

* **Doxology** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 47

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* **Prayer of Dedication** Rev. Wooster

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of Prayer Rev. Throckmorton

Lord's Prayer

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

* **Hymn** *Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended* No. 210

Scripture Mark 1:9-15 Rev. Wooster

Sermon Rev. Wooster



This Sanctuary is equipped with a **Hearing Loop system** that works with all **Telecoil-equipped hearing aids** to amplify sound with excellent clarity.

- * **Hymn** *If You Will Trust in God to Guide You* No. 565
- * **Benediction** Rev. Wooster
- Postlude** *The God of Abraham Praise* (G. Young) Marcia Snavely, organ

~ **Departing to Service** ~



"Christ in the Wilderness" by Kramskoi, Ivan Nikolaevich, 1837-1887

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, February 25th, 10 AM

Annual Meeting

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches
"Setting Our Minds on the Things of God"

Mark 8:31-38

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