



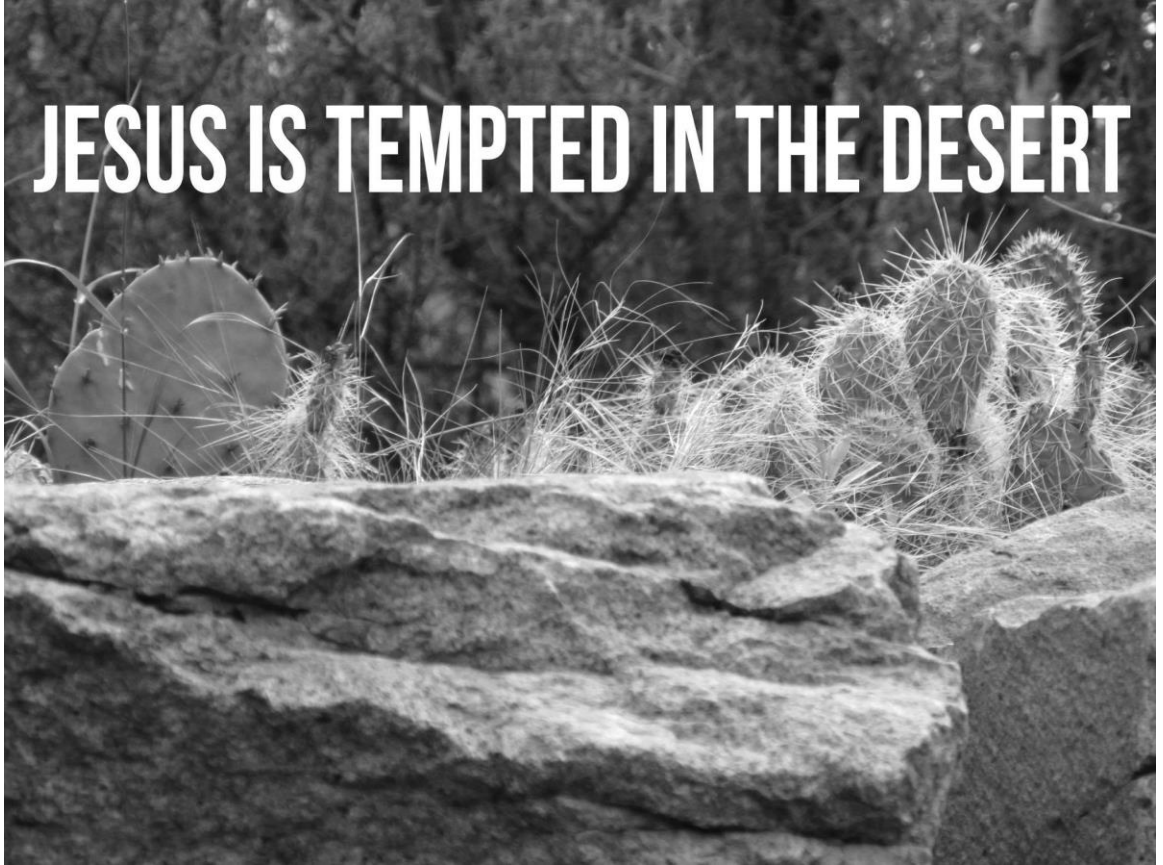
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JESUS IS TEMPTED IN THE DESERT



February 26, 2023
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

Welcome to worship on the first Sunday in Lent.
A warm welcome to visitors joining us today.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Happy are those whose sins are forgiven.

People: Happy are those whose sins are cast away.

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord! Be glad!

ALL: Sing out! Shout for joy!

Hymn – *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

UMH 269

Doxology

UMH 95

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prayer Time and Lord's Prayer

(Please use the prayer cards in the pews to share your prayer concerns. You may place prayer cards in the prayer box near the altar rail.)

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. Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7

NRSV pew Bible, pp. 2-3 (OT)

The Apostles Creed

UMH 881

Choir Anthem – *O Love Divine*

O Love divine, what hast Thou done! The immortal God hath died for me!

The Father's coeternal Son bore all my sins upon the tree.

The immortal God for me hath died: my Lord, my Love, is crucified.

He's crucified for me and you, to bring us rebels back to God.

Believe, believe the record true, ye all are bought with Jesus' blood.

Pardon for all flows from His side: my Lord, my Love, is crucified.

Behold Him, all ye that pass by, the bleeding Prince of Life and Peace!
Come, sinner, see your Savior die, and say, "Was ever grief like His?"
Come, feel with me His blood applied: my Lord, my Love, is crucified.

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Gospel Reading – Matthew 4: 1-11

NRSV pew Bible, p. 3 (NT)

Message – When Life Knocks You Down

Pastor Dan Baer

Hymn – *It Is Well with My Soul*

UMH 377

Blessing & Sending Out to Serve in the World

Today's Greeters: R. E. & Beth Cobb
Today's Sound System Operator: Steve Snow

Next Week's Greeters: David & Debra Gracy
Next Week's Sound System Operator: Mike Lamar

*We have a nursery available for infants through age 4. An usher will be glad to direct you.
We always welcome children of all ages to join us in worship, and Worship Activity Bags are
available at the entrance if your child would like one.*

Calendar this week:

TODAY, 2/26	<i>Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall *Packaging Backpack Buddies, 10:10AM in Carson Hall Discipleship Hour, 10:15AM throughout campus Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary *Administrative Council, 4PM in Carson Hall St. James Youth, 4PM in Montague Hall N.A., 7PM in Saints Hall</i>
Mon, 2/27	<i>*John Bible Study, 10:30AM in the Chapel GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall</i>
Tues, 2/28	<i>Library Committee, 9AM in the Library Staff Meeting, 10AM in the Office</i>
Wed. 3/1	<i>Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in the Sanctuary</i>
Thurs, 3/2	<i>New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room Common Thread Band Rehearsal, 7PM in Carson Hall</i>
Sat, 3/4	<i>GS Troop 1042, 10AM in Montague Hall</i>

What to know this week...

A few Lenten devotionals are still available! This year's Lenten daily devotional is Redeemed, provided by Society of St. Andrew. It is available today in both worship centers and the counter of the Welcome Center. We request you limit one per family so we can share with our homebound worshipers and our community Food Pantry clients. If you would prefer a PDF copy that you can download to your personal reading device, please [email Martha](#).

****Backpack Buddies Packaging Help Needed after Common Thread!*** We welcome anyone who would like to help package snack bags for Backpack Buddies to come to Carson Hall at 10:10 this morning. We have nearly doubled the number of kids we are preparing for, so all extra hands are always welcome!

****New Bible Study Starts Tomorrow:*** Pastor Dan will lead a 12-week Bible study on the book of John from February 27 - May 22. The study will meet 10:30 am Mondays in the Chapel and uses the book John: A 12-Week Study from Justin Buzzard. This insightful guide encourages Christians to worship Christ as Lord and follow him on mission to the world. Books will cost \$6.50 each and are available in the church office – please see Pastor Dan to receive your copy.

Special Offering Alert: Our first special offering for 2023 will be on **Sunday, March 5**. This special offering will go to assisting relief efforts in the Ukraine. Please indicate "Ukraine Relief" on your offering envelope or on the memo line of your check on March 5.

Bowling Night! The Social Committee is pleased to bring back Bowling Night! We will gather at Buffalo Lanes (5900 Oak Forest Dr., Raleigh 27616) on Friday, March 10 from 6:00-8:00 PM, which should allow us to bowl two games. The cost is \$15 per person and includes shoe rental. Please complete [this form](#) or call Keith Walkowiak to register. Deadline to submit is Sunday, March 5 so that we can reserve the lanes. Payments can be made directly to Keith Walkowiak as he will pay for the entire group ahead of time.

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