

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 9, 2025

1st Sunday in Lent

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

When We Are Tested

Carlton R. Young

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Oh, How He Loves You and Me

Call to Worship

(from Psalm 91)

L: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, say to the Lord:

P: **my refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.**

L: For God will protect us from evil and commands his angels to guard us in all of our ways.

P: **God rescues those who love God and is present with us in trouble.**

L: God answers when we cry out and reveals our salvation to us.

P: **Let us worship God!**

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Hymn # 335**

Christ the Eternal Lord

Diademata

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we have stumbled from the path that you have set before us. We have embraced a mind-set of scarcity instead of trusting your abundance. We have hoarded treasures to ensure our own comfort instead of sharing your gifts with our neighbors. We have hurt our neighbors by the things we have done and through the things we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, and mind or our neighbors as ourselves. Correct us, O God. In this season of Lent, remind us of Jesus's own encounter with temptation in the wilderness and help us follow the example he sets. Return us to the path you call us to and give us the courage to follow your lead even when it is difficult. *(Silent prayers of confession)* Amen.

Words of Assurance

L: Friends, in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!

P: Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri #733**

"Glory Be to the Father"

Meineke

Sacrament of Baptisms

Psalter Reading

Psalm 91

L: You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty -

P: you will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust."

L: For God will rescue you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly plague.

P: God's wings will cover you, and you will find refuge beneath them; God's faithfulness will be your shield and defense.

L: You shall not fear any terror in the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;

P: nor the plague that stalks in the darkness, nor the sickness that lays waste at noon.

L: A thousand may fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand but it will not come near you.

P: You will only have to look with your eyes, and you will see the reward of the wicked.

L: Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

P: no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.

L: For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

P: Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

L: You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

P: I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.

L: They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue and honor them. (Over)

P: With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

Anthem

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Mueller

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Luke 4: 1-13

Pew Bible p. 61- New Testament

Sermon Series
Message

From Wilderness to Glory
"Jesus in the Wilderness"

Dr. Steve Starzer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn # 254**

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

(inside Hymnbook)

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Offering

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Pads during this time)

Offertory

The Glory of These Forty Days

arr. Edwin T. Childs

***The Doxology #44**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*** Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn #257**

What Wondrous Love is This

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Hornpipe

Samuel Wesley

* Those who are able, please stand.