

WESLEY MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Order of Worship

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 26, 2023

7:30 am

WELCOME

The Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Ms. Adrienne Reeves

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also, with you.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'er take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me. Lo! it flows with peace and joy.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON*“The Battles of This World”*

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SOLO*Forty Days and Forty Nights*Harrison Oxley
(1933-2009)

Forty days and forty nights Thou wast fasting in the wild, Forty days and forty nights tempted and yet undefiled. Sunbeams scorching all the day, chilly dewdrops nightly shed. Prowling beasts about thy way, stones thy pillow, earth thy bed. Let us thine endurance share, and from earthly joys abstain, with thee watching unto prayer, strong with thee to suffer pain. And if Satan, vexing sore, flesh or spirit should assail, Thou, his vanquisher before, grant we may not faint nor fail. So shall we have peace divine, holier gladness ours shall be, round us too shall angels shine, such as ministered to thee. Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear, ever constant by thy side, that with thee we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

The Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson

CLOSING VOLUNTARY*Cortège*Richard Purvis
(1913-1994)

PARTICIPATING TODAY

The Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor
Ms. Adrienne Reeves, Lector
Mrs. Clarice Friedrich, Soprano Soloist
Mr. Phillip Leach, Baritone Soloist
Mr. Chris Massey, Audio Video Technician
Mr. Frank Pifferetti, Director of Traditional Music Ministries and Organist

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