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Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Wilderness Times: Time of Dependence

If you are a guest, thank you for worshipping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

We pray God's blessing upon you. For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Lamb of God

by Paris

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Mark 1: 9-15)

L: John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."

P: With arms wide open, God calls out to me and loves me.

L: At once the Spirit forced Jesus out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among the wild animals, and the angels took care of him.

P: With arms wide open, God protects me and comforts me.

] *Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

L: After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news, saying, "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!"

P: With arms wide open, God seeks me and welcomes me.

L: In the wilderness, though weakened physically and mentally, Jesus looked to God. He completely surrendered to God, letting His Father carry him out of the wilderness.

P: With arms wide open, I accept the love and strength that only God can give.

ALL: Welcome time of wilderness! A chance for me to depend on the gifts of God. I will remember God's promises when I am in wilderness times.

Amen!

***OPENING HYMN** (see insert)

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Cloud's Veil

by Lawton

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 207 (black hymnal, vs. 1 & 3)

Just As I Am

ALL SING: Just as I am without one plea but that your blood was shed for me. And that you called inviting me, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**Just as I am, you will receive, will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because your promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM**

Cast Your Cares Upon the Lord

by Thornill, Nyx

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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.

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HYMN NO. 553 (black hymnal)

There Is a Balm in Gilead

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1: 12-15

Hebrews 4: 14-16

MESSAGE

TIME OF CONFESSION

During this time in the service, the message will lead directly into the time of confession. After Pastor Danielle and Pastor Jeff lead you through a guided confession, you are invited to come forward and place your mosaic tiles into the vessel provided, a symbol of your desire to depend on God's strength during this wilderness time.

HYMN NO. 2080 (FWS, see below)

All I Need Is You

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

by Maker

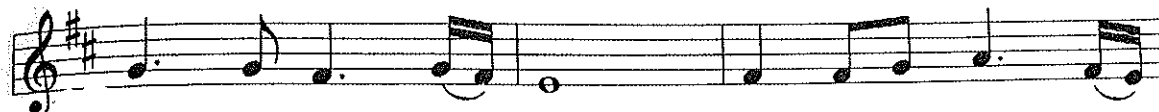
IN PRAISE OF CHRIST

All I Need Is You

2080



1. —	All	I need	is you,	Je - sus,
2. —	All	I want	is you,	Je - sus,
3. My	on - ly	hope	is you,	Lord, my



all	I need	is you.	You are the source	of
all	I want	is you.	You are the source	of
on - ly	hope	is you.	You are the source	of



all	I need.	—	All	I need	is you.
all	I need.	—	All	I want	is you.
all	I need.	My	on - ly	hope	is you.

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One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of our 47th wedding anniversary by Barb Stebbins.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of the birthdays of my Uncle Jerry and my friend, Scott, by Travis Pinci.

The bulletins are presented in memory of Edward Kiessling, Sr. (Elaine's dad) by Perry, Elaine, & Joey Bevivino.

Thank you to the Worship Choir for participating in the 10:30 AM service today.

Thank you to the Lenten Worship Team for planning today's service. The team members are Dani Kardisco, Jen Cooper, Kristen Mekulsia, Robin Schriver, & Pastor Danielle.

Thank you to Rich Huber for creating the cross that we are utilizing throughout this Lenten season.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Jim Shiffer

8 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Jen Cooper

8 AM Sound Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Video Tech: Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Alan Neff

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Jen Cooper

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Hunter King

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

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*Jer. 8:18-22; 46:11; Acts 10:34-43**African-American spiritual; alt.**Refrain*

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to make the wound-ed whole,

Last time, end

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, and think my work's in vain,
 2 Don't ev - er feel dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend,
 3 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,

to Refrain

But then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 who, if you ask for knowl-edge, will nev - er fail to lend.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus, who died to save us all.

This is one of the most moving of the African-American spirituals because it illustrates the way in which the enslaved tried to encourage those who were feeling especially weighed down by the burden of their captivity.

Tune: BALM IN GILEAD Irr. with refrain
African-American spiritual