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Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 & 10:30 AM

## Wilderness Times: Time of Doubt

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping 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** 

Faith

by Mendelsshon

## 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, temptation offering incredible strength and power challenged Jesus to look away from God. Though his faith was tested, Jesus kept his eyes fixed on God and God led him out of the wilderness.

P: With eyes wide open, I seek God, though doubt may cloud my vision. For only by searching with eyes wide open, can I find my way back to God. ALL: Welcome time of wilderness! A chance for me to look to God. I will Remember God's promises when I am in wilderness times. Amen!

#### \*OPENING HYMN NO. 488

Be Still My Soul

(10:30 AM) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(10:30 AM) **PRAISE BAND ANTHEM** Questions (You Are Faithful) Redman, Myrin CCL Song # 7091568 CCLI License # 3220582

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

# **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.

#### **OFFERTORY**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Serenity

by Combs

\*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

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#### **SCRIPTURE**

Mark 1: 12-15 Mark 9: 24b

# 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 twig into the vessel provided, a symbol of your desire to trust God during this wilderness time.

# HYMN NO. 2080 (FWS, see below)

All I Need Is You

#### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** 

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

by Mozart



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One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Bonnie Murphy's birthday by Bill Murphy. Happy Birthday Bonnie!

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of the Lenten worship team by the congregation.

The bulletins are presented in honor of Andrew Kline's birthday, with love, Auntie Anne Henry.

Thank you to the Praise Band 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.

Thank you to Jen Cooper for writing the Call to Worship prayers that we have been using 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.

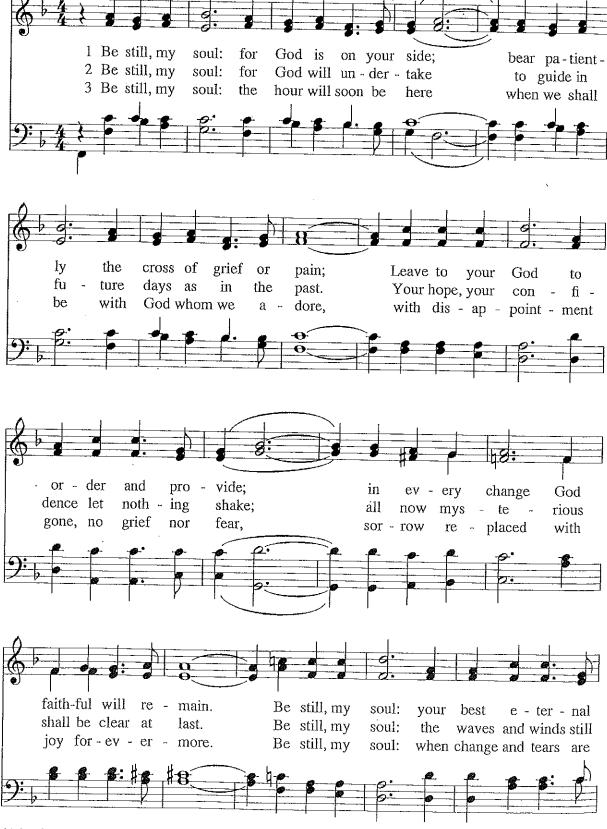
- 8 AM Worship Tech: Jim Shiffer
- 8 AM Welcome Team: Mary Jane Snyder, Joan Masimore, Kathy & Bob Ensminger
- 8 AM Sound Tech: Ryan Neal
- 8 AM Video Tech: George DeMers
- 10:30 AM Worship Tech: Alan Neff
- 10:30 AM Welcome Team: Kim Jordan, Andy Mekulsia, Karen & Mike Gibbs
- 10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles
- 10:30 AM Video Tech: Elaine Bevivino
- 10:30 AM Camera Tech: John Kollasch
- 10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

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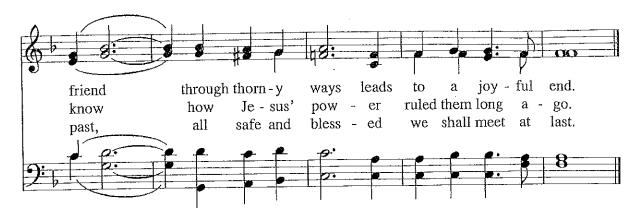
# Be Still, My Soul

Katharina von Schlegel, 1752 Transl. Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1855; alt.



Little is known about Katharina von Schlegel, the author of twenty-six hymns, except that she seems to have been a member of the duke's court at Cöthen, Germany. The tune is adapted from an orchestral work by Finland's great composer Jean Sibelius.

Tune: FINLANDIA 10.10.10.10.10.10. Jean Sibelius, 1899 Arr. The Hymnal, 1933 BE STILL, MY SOUL CONTINUED . . . . #488





This hymn was written out of grief over the loss of the author's four daughters in the sinking of the SS Ville du Havre. After leaving his Chicago law practice, Horatio G. Spafford and his wife settled in Jerusalem.

Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE 11.8.11.9, with refrain *Philip P. Bliss, 1876*