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Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Wilderness Times: Time of Comfort

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

I Surrender All

by Weeden

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 alone and beaten-down, Jesus opened his heart to God seeking comfort and hope from the words of God. By God's grace, Jesus was brought out of the wilderness.

P: With a heart wide open, I receive God's gift of hope and comfort, even when despair and loneliness cover my soul.

ALL: Welcome time of wilderness! A chance for me to open my soul to God. I will remember God's promises when I am in wilderness times. Amen!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 555**

Here, Savior, In This Quiet Place

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

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Comforting Interlude

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

(8:00 AM) **JUBILATION ANTHEM** *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place* Bridwell

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. 472 (black hymnal)

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1: 12-15
Isaiah 43: 1-3

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 cotton ball into the vessel provided, a symbol of your desire to trust in God's comfort during this wilderness time.

HYMN NO. 2080 (FWS, see below)

All I Need Is You

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

arr. Berry

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.	

WORDS: Dan Adler
MUSIC: Dan Adler

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One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of “Nanny” Kinard’s birthday by the boys-Brady, Justin, and Ryan Neal.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor Kathy Sweeney for her dedication to the WOW Kids program from the congregation.

The bulletins are presented in honor of Bill McMinn’s birthday. I couldn’t ask for a better brother-in-law. Love, Anne Henry.

Thank you to Jubilation for participating in the 8:00 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: Dave Strine

8 AM Welcome Team: Connie & John Wolfe; Diane & Don Strine

8 AM Sound Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

8 AM Video Tech: George DeMers

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Barb Stebbins

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Red & Ellie Arnold; Jesse & Nancy Smith

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Jim Firestone

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

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Here, Savior, in this Quiet Place

*James 5:13-16; Mark 9:14-29**Fred Pratt Green, 1974; alt.*

1 Here, Sav - ior, in this qui - et place, where
 2 If pain of bod - y, stress of mind, de -
 3 If self up - on its sick - ness feeds and
 4 You nev - er said, "You ask too much," to

an - y - one may kneel, I al - so come to ask for
 stroy's my in - ward peace, In prayer for oth - ers may I
 turns my life to gall, Let me not brood up - on my
 an - y trou - bled soul. I long to feel your heal - ing

grace, be - liev - ing you can heal.
 find the se - cret of re - lease.
 needs, but sim - ply tell you all.
 touch— will you not make me whole?

5 But if the thing I most de-sire
 is not your way for me,
 May faith, when test-ed in the fire,
 prove its in-teg-ri-ty.

6 Of all my prayers, may this be chief:
 till faith is ful-ly grown,
 Christ, dis-be-lieve my un-be-lief,
 and claim me as your own.

Peter Cutts, Director of Music and Associate Dean of Chapel at Andover Newton Theological School, was commissioned to provide a musical setting for this text especially for The New Century Hymnal. Cutts' work appears in numerous hymnals in the United States and his native Great Britain.

Tune: CHATHAM C.M.
Peter Cutts, 1994

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932; alt.

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the shad - ows ap - pear and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
when my life is al - most gone,
and the day is past and gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Hear me cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall:
At the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

Refrain

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

Thomas A. Dorsey was known as "Georgia Tom" when he played piano for blues singer Ma Rainey. He started writing gospel songs after what he called "a definite spiritual change." This inspirational song, composed following the deaths of his wife, Nettie, and a newborn child, derives from the tune Maitland.

Tune: PRECIOUS LORD Irr. with refrain
Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932