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Wednesday Evening Worship: Week 1

6:45 PM

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: Jesus began his ministry to the world, led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

P: As we begin our Lenten journey, let us be led by the Spirit, even into the uncomfortable places.

L: In those forty days, and in that place, Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt, and temptation.

P: As we seek to follow Jesus, we would be led, even into the uncomfortable choices.

L: Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to God, rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.

P: As we continue on our path to faithfulness, we will be led by our Christ, rejoicing in the Lord our God.

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN²** (see p. 3)

God We Long for Our Own Comfort

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION³

L: Gracious and merciful God, we confess to you our reluctance to enter the wilderness places where we are confronted with our true selves. The places where we are tempted to put selfish or worldly values before our hunger for seeking and doing your will.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

P: Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

L: When we are tempted to use the gifts you give us to benefit ourselves at the expense of serving others:

P: Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

L: When we are tempted to build ourselves up rather than being guided by the humility of Christ.

P: Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

L: When we are tempted to try and coerce and control people:

P: Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

L: When we are tempted to manipulate you, O God, to satisfy our own needs:

P: Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

A time of silence for personal confession.

L: Merciful God,

P: save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. Forgive us our sins and fill us with the joy and peace of your salvation.

Strengthen us with your Spirit during this Lenten season that we put our whole trust in you as confidently as Jesus did. This we pray in his name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2030 (TFWS, v. 3, see p. 3)

The First Song of Isaiah

ALL SING: Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4: 1-13

TIME TO LEARN & DISCERN

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 503** (black hymnal, see p. 4) *O Savior Let Me Walk with You*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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³The prayer of confession was adapted from one written by Moira Laidlaw and posted on *Liturgies Online* (<http://www.liturgiesonline.com.au>) and accessed at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/02/confession-wilderness-places.html> on March 7, 2022.

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God, We Long for Our Own Comfort

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$



1. God, we long for our own com - fort; we want life that's
2. We con - fess we push the li - mits; faith gives way to
3. We bow down to what is e - vil to a - chieve the

4



full and sure. Stones to bread, right now, a - bun - dant; we for - get what
test - ing pride: "Be dra - ma - tic, make a state - ment, prove that God is
things we choose; We don't see when sin is su - btle; we don't see what

8



shall en - dure. When we look to things a - round us for our plea - sure,
on your side." When we're temp - ted to show oth - ers that you'll do what
we might lose. May we look a - gain to Je - sus who, though temp - ted,

12



out of greed, God, we pray that you'll re - mind us: it's your Word we
we re - quest, God, re - mind us to be hum - ble not to put you
turned from wrong. By your Spir - it, guide and lead us; keep us watch - ful,

16



rea - lly need.
to the test.
faith - ful, strong.

The First Song of Isaiah

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$



Sure - ly it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a - fraid. For the

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Lord is my strong - hold and my sure de - fense and he wi - ll be my - Sav - ior.

O Savior Let Me Walk with You

Washington Gladden, 1879

H. Percy Smith, 1874

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Piano 


1. O Sav - ior, let me walk with you in earth - ly
3. Teach me your pa - tience; let me be in clos - er,
4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

6 

paths of ser - vice true; Tell me your se - cret,
dear - er com - pa - ny, In work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - ening way, In peace that on - ly

11 

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver
you can give, with you, O Sav - ior, let me

16 

care.
wrong.
live.