

**GLORIA DE CRISTO LUTHERAN CHURCH  
"A COMMUNITY CHURCH IN THE FOOTHILLS"**

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**WORSHIP SERVICE  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021  
6:00 PM**

**Lenten Worship**



*We welcome you to the worship of this community of faith. As we sing, pray and study God's word together may we strengthen each other's faith in the saving power of Jesus Christ. It is difficult to be a Christian by yourself.*

*Before the service, speak to God.  
During the service, let God speak to you  
After the service, speak to your neighbor.*

**Our sermon series will be COME, FOLLOW ME: A Disciples Journey Through Lent, which will be adapted from the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. It seeks to answer the question: How can we help people begin to move from thinking of themselves as church members to identifying themselves as disciples of Christ?**

*Following the baptism, Jesus went into the wilderness. There he experienced severe temptations concerning his identity. What are the challenges to our identity as Christian followers? How do we face such temptation?*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

P Jesus was the Son of God.

**C And he knew temptation.**

P We are the children of God,

**C and we too know temptation.**

P In the very presence of temptation

**C we find the presence of God.**

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I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 me; in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Let us confess to God and before one another our sins, including the sin of seeking forgiveness without seeking discipleship.

*Silence is kept*

**C We confess to you, our Creator and Redeemer, and before our sisters and brothers that we are a people prone to sin. We are easily led astray as we follow our own folly rather than your wisdom. We want life everlasting, but we are less sure if we want eternal life here and now. We fear that it will mean a change in our lifestyle and the making of hard choices. Forgive us, and by the power of your Spirit help us to look to Jesus, the founder and forerunner of our faith that we may follow him in living fully unto you and for others, resisting the temptation to take a less blessed path. Amen**

P God desires nothing more than to give his children life eternal, joyful and abundant. Know that the grace of God is endless and sure and that God will guide you if you follow.

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*“STAND BY ME”*

**LESSON: PSALM 91: 1-6**

**Read Responsively.**

R <sup>1</sup>You who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,<sup>[a]</sup>

C <sup>2</sup>**will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress;  
my God, in whom I trust.”**

R <sup>3</sup>For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
and from the deadly pestilence;

C <sup>4</sup>**he will cover you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

R <sup>5</sup>You will not fear the terror of the night,  
or the arrow that flies by day,

C <sup>6</sup>**or the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

## **GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4: 1-11**

**4** Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup> But he answered, “It is written,  
‘One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> 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.’”

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’”

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

P This is the Word of Truth.

**C Lord help us to understand.**

**Teaching:**                    *“Wilderness Temptations of Jesus”*    **Jerry Randby**

WORSHIP HYMN "By the Babylonian Rivers"

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# By the Babylonian Rivers

1 By the Bab - y - lo - nian riv - ers we sat down in grief and wept;  
2 There our cap - tors in de - ri - sion did re - quire of us a song;  
3 How shall we sing the . . Lord's song in a strange and bit - ter land?  
4 Let the cross be ben - e - dic - tion for those bound in tyr - an - ny;

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hung our harps up - on a wil - low, mourned for Zi - on when we slept.  
so we sat with star - ing vi - sion, and the days were hard and long.  
Can our voic - es veil the sor - row? Lord God, hold your ho - ly band.  
by the pow'r of res - ur - rec - tion loose them from cap - tiv - i - ty.

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Music: Latvian folk tune; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954  
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## THE OFFERING

### OFFERING PRAYER

**C** Through these gifts, we offer ourselves, our time and our possessions that we might keep our eyes and ears fixed on you, Heavenly Father. Use these gifts to your glory. In Jesus name, Amen.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**P** We worship and adore you, O God of steadfast love, for you seek always to bring us to life in you. You know our frame and our wayward thinking ways and yet you come to lead us to a life that is blessed here and hereafter.

**C** Lord, Hear our prayer.

**P** We give you thanks for our Savior Jesus, who shows us the way to live in this life so that we are living in you. He know that to follow the path of righteousness and holiness, he would be tempted. Yet he faced the tempter and stayed true to you. We thank you for your aid in helping us to follow his example.

**C** Lord, Hear our prayer.

**P** We offer up to your care those of us who have been deluded by the tempter to seek salvation in paths other than your own. We have walked them enough to know that they do not satisfy and they do not bring life. Help us to not only be faithful followers of Jesus but also to invite others to join the journey with us.

**C** Lord, Hear our prayer.

**P** All this we ask in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray together, saying:

**C** **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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.**

# SENDING HYMN "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

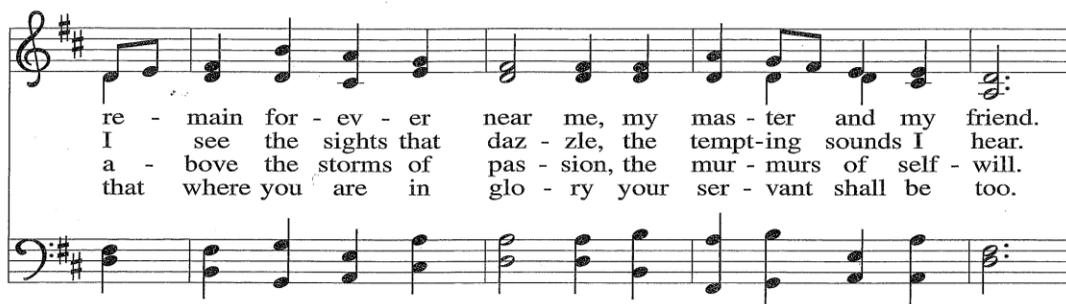
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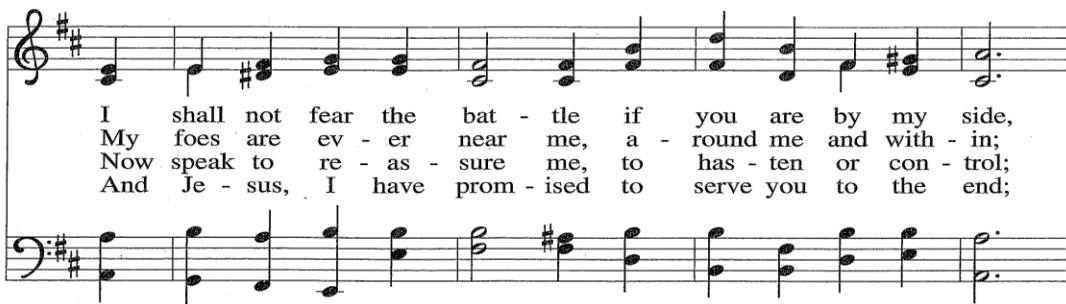
## O Jesus, I Have Promised



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.  
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still  
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.  
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.  
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

## **BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lifts up his countenance upon you, and give you his peace.

**C** Amen.

## **DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. God is with you.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

**USHERS:** Lynette Layton

**GREETERS:** Cheryl Preul

**READER:** Cheryl Preul

**LENTEN WORSHIP:** Join us every Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 10th our guest teacher will be Michelle Cegon.**

**Text & Theme: The Beatitudes, Salt and Light (Matthew 5:1-16) A crowd gathered to hear Jesus, who gave them the basic understanding of life within God's kingdom. How are we embracing and living these values of God's kingdom?**

## Holy Week Services:

March 27	Palm Sunday Weekend	Sat., 4:00 p.m.
March 28		Sun., 7:45 & 9:30
April 1	Maundy Thursday Service	6:00 p.m.
April 2	Good Friday Service	6:00 p.m.
April 4	Easter Sunday Service	7:00 & 9:30 a.m.
	Easter Breakfast	8:00 a.m.

**There is no service on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

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