



Lead Us, Not Into Temptation

**Order of Worship
April 3, 2022
The Fifth Sunday in Lent
10:00 AM**

*10:00 Online Worship
YouTube Channel "Harmony UMCVA"*

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Welcome

Prelude

Green Pastures

Scarmolin

The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.

Call to Worship

Patti Barnes

Eternal God, you call us beloved daughters and sons.

We praise you for creating us and calling us to cultivate your life in the world.

Eternal God, you call our names, and we come.

We come to worship, acknowledging our vulnerabilities and temptations.

Eternal God, you are our hiding place, where forgiveness and mercy encircle us.

Thanks be to God for the radical grace offered to us through Jesus Christ

Opening Prayer

Patti Barnes

Lord, the temptations of the world loom large before us. We are enticed, cajoled, and "sweet-talked" into choosing to use our words, actions, and time in ways that do not reflect our commitment to Jesus. We need your healing love. As you resisted the temptations in the wilderness, temptations that would have made you way easier, help us to be strong in our faith so that we, too, can resist temptation. Especially, the temptation to take an easier way, but a way that pulls us from you. Amen.

Hymn

Yield Not to Temptation

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Children's Message

Pastor Debra

Morning Prayer

Pastor Debra

Ministry of Music

Purified

Choir

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PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (All Praying)

Patti Barnes

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Psalm 23:1-3 (NKJV)

Patti Barnes

The Lord *is* my shepherd;

I shall not want.

² He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside the still waters.

³ He restores my soul;

He leads me in the paths of righteousness

For His name's sake.

New Testament Reading

Patti Barnes

James 1:13-15 (NRSV)

¹³ No one, when tempted, should say, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But one is tempted by one's own desire, being lured and enticed by it; ¹⁵ then, when that desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and that sin, when it is fully grown, gives birth to death.

I Peter 5:8-9

⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

Gospel Reading

Patti Barnes

Matthew 6:13 (NIV)

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from the evil one.

Sermon

Lead Us, Not into Temptation

Pastor Debra

Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor Debra

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Debra

Merciful God, like your Son, we are tempted on a daily basis by that which seeks to tear us from you and from one another. When Jesus was tempted by Satan, he turned to scripture for wisdom and strength, trusting in your goodness and your grace to uphold him. When we are enticed by the same temptations, we often do not bother to look to the scriptures; instead, we do not hold ourselves accountable to the righteousness to which you call us. Help us to be strengthened by Christ's strength. Lead us to be instructed by his wisdom, and encouraged by his trust. Forgive us our sins and lead us to a better relationship with you and with one another. This we pray in your holy and merciful name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Pastor Debra

Friends, by the grace of God, you and I have been forgiven of our sins and invited to a renewed life with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Glory to God! Amen!

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Pastor Debra

Offertory

I Love Thee

Ritter

**Doxology*

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prayer of Dedication*

Patti Barnes

Increase the strength of these gifts, and the strength of our ministries, O God. Expand the nets of our love, that we may reach deeply and share abundantly. In Christ's name, we pray.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. In love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, your love remained steadfast. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Easter feast, that, renewed by your Word and Sacraments and fervent in prayer and works of justice and mercy, we may come to the fullness of grace that you have prepared for those who love you.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, whom you sent in the fullness of time to redeem the world. He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in our likeness. He humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. He took upon himself our sin and death and offered himself, a perfect sacrifice for the sin of the whole world. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

"Take, eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

"Drink from this, all of you.

This is my life, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts of love and grace, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his

heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Damon Moore

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The bread of life, strengthening you, to answer Christ's call.
The cup of life, blessing you, to live in faith and grace.

Prayer after Communion

Patti Barnes

We thank you, God, for breaking into our world and pouring into our lives and our experiences. We thank you, God, for this meal of thanksgiving and the stories of love, grace, and hope that it tells. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

Closing Hymn

Now Let Us From This Table Rise

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Benediction

Pastor Debra

Christ invited you to his table. Christ fed you at his table. You were united at Christ's table. Now, you are sent from his table into all the world. Go therefore into the world, with courage. Make a place for all who hunger. Share the cup with all who thirst. And as you go, may the Spirit of power and love attend you, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ uphold you, and may the great faithfulness of our God sustain you, now and forever. Amen.

All: Amen. We go in peace.

Sung Benediction

Shalom to You

**Shalom to you now, Shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom,
Christ be your shalom.**

Postlude

Let the Word Go Forth

Birchwood

Yield Not to Temptation

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*Yield not to temptation,
For yielding is sin;
Each vict'ry will help you,
Some other to win;
Fight valiantly onward,
Evil passions subdue;
Look ever to Jesus,
He will carry you through. (Refrain)*

Refrain:

*Ask the Savior to help you,
Comfort, strengthen and keep you;
He is willing to aid you,
He will carry you through.*

*Shun evil companions,
Bad language disdain;
God's name hold in rev'ence,
Nor take it in vain;
Be thoughtful and earnest,
Kindhearted and true;
Look ever to Jesus,
He will carry you through. (Refrain)*

*To him that o'ercometh,
God giveth a crown;
Through faith we will conquer,
Though often cast down;
He who is our Savior,
Our strength will renew;
Look ever to Jesus,
He will carry you through. (Refrain)*

Purified

*Where the angels see
You are praised as You should be.*

*But how can I express
my yearning for Your holiness?*

May it be –

*That I will open up my heart
search me in the deepest part.
And I will stand in cleansing fire
by You purified.*

By You I'm purified.

*Savior of my soul
to Your strength I yield control.*

*Purge me from my stain
sin will lose it's mortal reign.*

Make me free.

*And I will open up my heart
search me in the deepest part.
And I will stand in cleansing fire
by You purified.*

By You I'm purified.

You are holy.

You are holy.

You are holy.

You are holy

You are holy.

*And I will open up my heart
Search me in the deepest part.
And I will stand in cleansing fire
By You purified.*

By You I'm purified.

I'm purified for You.

You are holy.

You are holy.

You are holy.

Now Let Us From This Table Rise

*Now let us from this table rise
renewed in body, mind, and soul;
with Christ we die and live again,
his selfless love has made us whole.*

*With minds alert, upheld by grace
to spread the word in speech and deed,
we follow in the steps of Christ,
at one with all in hope and need.*

*To fill each human house with love,
it is the sacrament of care;
the work that Christ began to do
we humbly pledge ourselves to share.*

*Then grant us courage, Father God,
to choose again the pilgrim way,
and help us to accept with joy
the challenge of tomorrow's day.*