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***Rescue Me***

**First Sunday in Lent**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Worship**



**\*\* P – Pastor    Bold – C: Congregation responds \*\***

**P:** On this first Sunday in Lent, we join Jesus in the wilderness, a place of wild and dangerous things, of testing and temptation away from the security of home.

**C: God, rescue us in the wilderness!**

**P:** Once again, we watch and listen as Satan throws out temptation upon temptation, and we find our security in Jesus, who does not waver from the truth.

**C: God, rescue us within the wilderness!**

**P:** Once again, we face our own frailty and realize that the wilderness is not nearly as dangerous as our choices to prioritize selfish gain and hoarding of power.

**C: God, rescue us through the wilderness!**

**P:** Once again, we call upon God in the wildernesses of our lives, and we trust God's faithful reply:

**C: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them. Thanks be to God!  
Amen.**

**Our Statement of Faith – The Apostles Creed p. 881 UMH**

**\*\* All to recite in unison \*\***

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

**The Gloria Patri** p. 70 UMH

*Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

**Opening Hymn** – Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days  
p. 269 UMH vv. 1, 3, & 5

**Sharing Our Praises & Prayers**

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

**Offering** – Ushers come forward

**Doxology** p. 95 UMH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Old Testament Lesson – Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (NRSVue)**

L: <sup>1</sup> You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide  
in the shadow of the Almighty,

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

L: <sup>9</sup> Because you have made the Lord your refuge,  
the Most High your dwelling place,

**C: <sup>10</sup> no evil shall befall you,  
no scourge come near your tent.**

L: <sup>11</sup> For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.

**C: <sup>12</sup> On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

L: <sup>13</sup> You will tread on the lion and the adder;  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

**C: <sup>14</sup> Those who love me, I will deliver;  
I will protect those who know my name.**

L: <sup>15</sup> When they call to me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor  
them.

**C: <sup>16</sup> With long life I will satisfy them and show them my  
salvation.**

**Hymn – Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God**      UMH p. 405

**New Testament Reading – Luke 4:1-13 (NRSVue)**

4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. 3 The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” 4 Jesus answered him, “**It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’**” 5 Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And the devil said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. 7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” 8 Jesus answered him, “**It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’**” 9 Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10 for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ 11 and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” 12 Jesus answered him, “**It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’**” 13 When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

**Sermon – Rescue Me**

**Closing Hymn – It Is Well With My Soul**

p. 377 UMH vv. 1, 3, & 4

**Benediction & Commission**

Beloved, you—*you*—who live in the shelter of the Most High and abide in the shadow of the Almighty —will find in God

your refuge and fortress. Go now, in the blessing of the Triune God who shelters you and rescues you, that we all might be a shelter and a rescue for and with one another. Amen.

## **Lectionary Readings for the week beginning March 10, 2025**

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

### **Announcements**

- Easter Lilies will again be available for purchase for placement in the church until Easter Sunday. The price is \$13.50 per lily. Please let Faye Seats know by March 23rd if you wish to make a purchase. Also, let Faye know if you are purchasing a lily as a memorial or honorarium.

### **Prayer List**

Steve and Lena Gough

All who are serving our country at home and abroad

#### **Church Family**

Wayne Bumgardner

Frank Dalton

Sherry Doub

Frances V. Gough

Family of Harold Langley

Wanda Needham

Barbara Perryman

Frances Sisk

## Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost	Amber Lambert
Tammy Seats Boyd	Jeannette Lanier
Jimmy & Deborah Branch	Kevin McBride
Jane Bullin	Kevin McDaniel
Leisha Carpenter	Mark Megela
Joe Dean	Dawn Proctor
Ruby Driver	Jay D. Prevette
Mack Edwards	Vivian Royal
Joanne Everhart	Mary Ellen Smith
Mary File	Kim Triplette
Garry Harbin	Mark Wall
Kathy Harbin	Ann Wallace
Lynda Harper	Robert and Susan Warren
Ronald Howell	Savannah Wooten

## **March Birthdays**

Mary Jane Disher	2	Savannah Owen	10
Nyk Travis	7	Elizabeth Mark	11
Leroy Burton	8	Niki Pardue	11
David Luck	9	Joshua Doub	23
Peter Hogg	10	Hank Disher	23
Silas Hogg	10	Jimmy McBride	30

## **Wesley Covenant Prayer**

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee,

or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine.

So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen!