



Reach One More For Jesus!

First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

PRELUDE "The Lily of the Valley" Fry/Hays Thelma Downey

GATHERING PRAYER Don Foster

Temptations surround us every day. Even Jesus felt its pull in the wilderness. But when we keep our focus on God's call in our lives, we find the strength to move beyond its pull—we find the resources to move toward greatness.

WELCOME Don Foster

CALL TO WORSHIP Don Foster

L: Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven.

P: Happy are those who receive God's mercy.

L: Rejoice and be glad, you upright in heart.

P: Shout for joy, you people of God.

L: Let us worship the one who gives us strength to resist temptation in the wilderness of our lives.

P: Amen.

OPENING HYMN "Make Me a Captive, Lord" vs. 1 & 4 Hymnal Page #421

1. Make me a captive, Lord, and then I shall be free. Force me to render up my sword, and I shall conqueror be. I sink in life's alarms when by myself I stand; imprison me within thine arms, and strong shall be my hand.

4. My will is not my own till thou hast made it thine; if it would reach a monarch's throne, it must its crown resign. It only stands unbent amid the clashing strife, when on thy bosom it has leant, and found in thee its life.

OPENING PRAYER Don Foster

Holy One, we are constantly bombarded with temptations and enticements. When we yield, when we fail, who will help us? You, Lord, have come to our aid. You teach us, counsel us, and guide us in the ways we should go. We rejoice in Your unfailing love. Amen.

READINGS Don Foster

Matthew 4:1-11 NIV

Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness

¹ Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² After fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. ³ The tempter came to Him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." ⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵ Then the devil took Him to the holy city and had Him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: 'He will command His angels concerning You, and they will lift You up in their hands, so that You will not strike Your foot against a stone.'" ⁷ Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸ Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹ "All this I will give You," he said, "if You will bow down and worship me." ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.'" ¹¹ Then the devil left Him, and angels came and attended Him.

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "THE FIRST TEMPTATION OF CHRIST"

Pastor Tom

1. You Are What You Do (Performance Trap)
2. You Are What Others Think (Popular Trap)
3. You Are What You Have (Possession Trap)

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE

Pastor Tom

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Tom

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. Amen.

GIVING BACK TO GOD (TITHES AND GIFTS)

Pastor Tom

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal #95

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Don Foster

In the hour of His temptation, when Jesus hungered, He knew from where His sustenance came: "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Lord, from the abundance of Your grace, Your word has provided all that we need. All that we have is Yours. Receive the offering of our hands and the gratitude of our hearts. In the Name of our Savior we pray. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" vs. 1 & 3

Hymnal Page #400

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.
3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

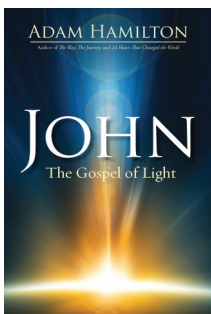
BENEDICTION

Pastor Tom

POSTLUDE "Spirit of God" Garnaas-Holmes

Thelma Downey

**John: The Gospel of Light and Life
Adam Hamilton
Six-Session Zoom Advent Bible Study**



Pastor Tom will lead this Lenten Bible study, every Wednesday from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM, via Zoom. Classes will begin on Wednesday, February 24th through Wednesday, March 31st.

This is the same Bible study that we started last year, before the Covid19 Pandemic. We are using the same books. There are still eight books available if you would like to join in the study.

Participant book (required) \$14.00.

Please call Ana Maria, ASAP, to order yours today.

If you need help setting up Zoom on your phone or computer, contact Ana Maria, 909-659-9571.

Those of you who have a book already, and would like to join our Zoom class, please email or text Ana Maria, so she can put you on the list to receive the Zoom link.