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8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



March 10, 2019



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Gathering

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Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Lord I Need You*

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 4:1-13
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PRELUDE *In the Presence of Jehovah* Geron and Becky Davis

CHORAL INTROIT *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* verse 1 No. 297

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Invited into the wilderness of our lives,
we follow in the footsteps of our ancestors.

We will journey to a land flowing with milk and honey.

Invited to wander as we search for deeper meaning,
we follow in the footsteps of Christ.

We will journey without fear through the temptations of life.

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Let us worship with thanksgiving and praise.

*OPENING HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* No. 384

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

OPENING PRAYER

**Merciful God, the journey of faith
is not for the faint of heart.**

Invite us once more into the wilderness,

**and call to us in the midst of our wandering,
for many things distract us from your deeper purposes.**

In the name of the one who resisted every temptation

**as he wandered in the wilderness,
we seek you blessing this day. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Judy Atwood

Jesus Loves Me (as children come and go)

Nursery care is available

Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time.

A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Oh Lord, Hear My Prayer* TFWS #2200
 Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer
 Choral Response *Oh Lord, Hear My Prayer* TFWS #2200

CHORAL ANTHEM *Irresistible* Russell Maudlin
 BG Perriguey, soloist

SCRIPTURE Matthew 4:1-13
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HYMN (remain seated) *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* verses 1-3 No. 358

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OFFERING
 Invitation to the Offering
 Offertory *Praise to the Holiest in the Height* Newman/Dykes
 *Doxology / Prayer of Dedication
*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*CLOSING HYMN *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* No. 297

BENEDICTION
 Go forth, people of God, as wildness people.
We go forth with hearts that are tested and prepared to love.
 Go forth, people of God, as those whose wanderings have taught them well.
We go forth with mouths prepared to teach and with hands prepared to share.
 Go forth with God's blessings.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Go Now in Peace*
 Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
 God will go with you each hour of every day.
 Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
 Know He will guide you in all you do.
 Go now in love, and show you believe.
 Reach out to others so all the world can see.
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POSTLUDE *I Will Keep My Eyes on You* Cindy Berry

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