

**GATHERING, PRELUDE, Take Time to Be Holy 395**  
**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

March 30 UMCOR SUNDAY (aka One Great Hour of Sharing)  
Liturgist sign-up sheet...  
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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**HYMN:** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty **139**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** *FotW*

Gracious Guide, lead us now  
through your Word and our worship.  
Grow in us a faith we can live each day,  
following the way of Christ, our holy trainer in faith,  
we live and pray. AMEN

**SCRIPTURE:** Deuteronomy 26:1–11  
Romans 10:8b–13 and Luke 4:1–13

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE** *GBoD/DM*  
*Written by Valerie Bridgeman Davis, The Africana Worship Book, Year C*

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Jesus, we confess that  
when we read about your temptations, we excuse ourselves.  
After all, we reason, we are not you.  
Of course, you passed the test, we say. You're God, right?  
But we mere mortals have no expectation  
that we can withstand evil like you did.  
But we are reminded that you are not only Savior;  
you are example.  
You faced the temptation to prove yourself,  
to be spectacular,  
and to have consuming power.  
And you walked away, resisting.  
Forgive us when we have not resisted;  
when we have yielded to temptation.  
Forgive us for loving power and prestige more than God.  
Help us to choose a life rooted in God's word and grace.

{silent prayers}

*Rom. 10:12, 13* *FotW*  
*The Lord is generous to all who call on God's name.*  
*Friends, believe the good news:*  
*God does not turn away from us,*  
*but desires to bring us into the glorious freedom*  
*offered in Jesus Christ.*

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.  
Thanks be to God! Amen

**CHOIR:** It Is Well with My Soul **377**

**SERMON**

**HYMN:** I Want a Principle Within **410**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**INTERCESSIONS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**  
**BRINGING OUR GIFTS**

**DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYER** *GBoD/DM*

Faithful God, who journeys with us  
through the wilderness of our lives,  
as we offer these gifts,  
we remember your sustaining presence.  
In this period of spiritual renewal,  
strengthen us to resist temptation and  
guide us to live in community with love and grace.  
May these offerings be signs of hope and acts of compassion  
that reflect the love you have shown us in Christ.  
Empower us to rise together, supporting one another  
on this journey of faith and transformation.  
In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

**HYMN:** God Will Take Care of You **130**

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING** *FotW*

May the God of the Exodus lead us into freedom.  
May the Holy Spirit bind us to God's will.  
May Christ, God's only Son,  
show us the way of true justice and peace.

**Amen**

**POSTLUDE** I Love to Tell the Story **156**

**What NEW thing would you like to see  
the church try to do in the coming months?**

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**First Sunday in Lent**  
**March 9, 2025 11:00 am**  
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## **Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures**

*As suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary*

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### **Scriptures**

Deuteronomy 26:1–11

Psalm 91:1–2, 9–16

Romans 10:8b–13

Luke 4:1–13

### **Questions for Reflection:**

In Luke 4:1–13, the devil tempted Jesus to turn stones into bread, to take control of the kingdoms of the world, and to perform a spectacular stunt that would “wow the crowd.”

Jesus refused to take control in these ways. Instead, Jesus chose another way to feed hungry people, to demonstrate what the kingdom of God looks like, and to enter Jerusalem humbly.

Why do think Jesus chose another way to “do justice” and what are some ways that you and your faith community practice justice in his name?

### **Morning Prayer:** *Ps. 91:1; Deut. 28:8; Rom. 10:12*

Loving God, all night I slept in your shadow, sheltered by you.

As I enter into the gift of this day, I trust that you are with me.

May I see signs and wonders of your presence  
in the world today, for you alone are God.

I ask that this day afford me opportunities to celebrate  
and share with others the abundance of your grace and love.

Help me to be open to all people you bring my way,  
for you yourself make no distinctions, but are Lord of all.

In Christ's name, I pray. Amen.

### **Evening Prayer:**

God, my dwelling place, as the shadows fall, I rest in you.

Thank you for the faith that held me fast this day.

Thank you, too, for every person who offered me grace,  
and for those to whom I could also show grace.

I pray this night for all who long to see a sign of your power  
in the darkness that surrounds them.

Be near to them and show them your salvation.

And in the morning when I rise,  
give me your work to do for another day;  
in Jesus' name. Amen.

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