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Full } *Even*
to the Brim } *in the*
 } *desert*



*With Christ as the Cornerstone, we will build a church of living stones,
where every member is a minister and is equipped to express God's love
by word and deed to all people.*

Based on 1 Peter 2:5, 6

Cover art: "Temptations" by Hannah Garrity

Inspired by Luke 4:1-13

Paper lace

"Jesus answered him,

 'It is said,

 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an
opportune time." (Luke 4:12-13, NRSV)

In this image, concentric circles depicting the temptations that Jesus meets in the wilderness radiate outward. A crown and swords echo the power of kings that the devil offers to Jesus. Steeples point outward between the swords.

"Do not put the Lord your God to the test." Jesus

quotes scripture in verse 12 of this Luke passage. And yet, the devil continues to test. Nails in the center foreshadow Jesus' death on the cross.

"Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

I depicted this story within the structure of a stained glass window. Where in our religious structures do we find temptation winning the day? Where do our selfish actions fall on this temptation continuum? May we see the abundance before us, dispelling the desire for more.

—Hannah Garrity

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The Worship of God

First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 6, 2022

All are invited to sing during the congregational songs in worship!
*We ask that you please **wear a mask at all times while indoors** out of an abundance of caution and out of respect for the health and safety of all people joining us for worship.*

Prelude

"Draw Me Close"
Pam Weis

by Kelly Carpenter,
arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Steve Rose

✠ Call to Worship

One: Jesus went to the mountaintop to pray.

All: Jesus went into the city to heal.

One: Jesus walked to Samaria to extend love.

All: Jesus went to the water's edge to teach.

One: Jesus went to places of peace and connection,

All: but Jesus also went to the wilderness.

One: There is nowhere we can go that God does not walk with us.

All: We are in God's house. Let us worship Holy God.

"Full to the Brim"

Words and Music by
Christian McIvor ©2022

Full to the brim, God's love is over-flowing.
Full to the brim, God's grace in us is growing.
Let us pour out living streams as we realize God's
dream, living lives that are full to the brim.

Chords: C(add9), D, G, C(add9), D, G, C(add9), D, Em7, D, C(add9), G/B, Am7, D(sus4), D, G, C(add9), G.

† Opening Song

“Your Grace Is Enough”

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT;
Words and Music by Doris Akers

Verse 1:

**Great is Your faithfulness, oh God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart**

Prechorus:

**So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, oh God**

Chorus:

**Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me**

Verse 2:

**Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along**

(Prechorus)

(Chorus 2x)

Call to Confession

Anna Beth Cross

Friends, we worship a God who doesn't keep score and doesn't hold grudges. We worship a God who invites us into a richer faith, a deeper love, a more compassionate existence with a million chances to try again. So let us speak truth into our lives, asking for God's help where we need it. Let us pray the prayer of confession together.

Prayer of Confession

One: Holy God, when we think that expansive life is about power—

All: Teach us a new way.

One: Gracious Creator, when we think that expansive life is about material wealth—

All: Teach us a new way.

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One: Gracious Author, when we think that expansive life is about control—

All: Teach us a new way.

One: Teach us to live as you live.

All: Teach us to love as you love.

One: Forgive us when we don't.

All: Gratefully we pray, amen.

Words of Forgiveness

One: Siblings in Christ, no matter how many times we mess up,
no matter how far we wander, no matter how lost we feel,
God's grace is full to the brim.
It overflows in desert places.
It finds us where we are and it covers us in mercy.
Hear and believe this good news—

**All: God's love is overflowing. We are drenched in mercy.
Thanks be to God, amen.**

† Offertory Hymn

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

CWM RHONDDA;

Words by William Williams,
Music by John Hughes

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.**

† Doxology

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

O WALY WALY;

Words by Neil Weatherhogg,
Music: Scottish Folk Melody

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

Prayer of Dedication

Pat Boone

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:1-13

Cathy Perkinson

Sermon

“Even in the desert”

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Silent Reflection

Musical Reflection

“Beloved, Let Us Love One Another”
GBC Adult Choir

Words and Music by,
Pepper Choplin

Refrain 1:

Beloved, let us love one another,
beloved, let us love one another with love
that comes from God.

Refrain 2:

Beloved (beloved), let us love one another,
beloved (beloved), let us love one another with love
that comes from God.

For love is from God and everyone who loves is born of God.
For love is from God and everyone who loves surely knows God.
Whoever does not love does not know God for God is love, God is love.

(Refrain 2)

(Refrain 1)

Let us love one another, let us love one another,
so let us love.

Communion

Chrissy Tatum Williamson and Christian McIvor

† Hymn of Response 435

“Come to the Table of Grace”

TABLE OF GRACE;
Words and Music by Barbara Hamm

Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of grace.
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of peace...
Come to the table of love...
Come to the table of hope...
Come to the table of joy...

Celebrating Community

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Benediction

As you leave this place,
may you be awestruck by the beauty of this world.
May you laugh, and may it be contagious.
May you overflow with love for those around you.
May you be effusive with hope and quick to point out joy.
And in all of your living, and breathing, and being,
may you find yourself full to the brim with God's Holy Spirit,
and may it change your life.
In the name of the Lover, the Beloved, and Love itself—
go in peace, full to the brim. Amen.

Postlude

“Worthy and Holy”
Pam Weis

by William Bay,
arr. Darrell V. Archer

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