

March 5, 2023

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude

Greeting/Life of the Church

Pastor Jeff Bandy

**Call to Worship

L: We are people of impatient hungers.

P: We want to be filled with all good things immediately. We don't want to wait.

L: We are people who seek power and authority.

P: We want to be in control, not to be controlled.

L: We are people whose individual safety is of highest concern.

P: Protect and guide us.

L: Stop our greed and selfishness, O Lord. Help us to listen to your words of comfort and hope.

P: Open us up to all the wonders of your love. Heal our hardened hearts. Give us lives of loving service to others.

**Opening Hymn

"To God Be the Glory"

UMH #98

Opening Prayer (unison)

Righteous God, in this season of Lent we are aware of our need of your presence in our lives if we are to resist temptation. Send your angels to minister to us when the tempter comes to call. Put not our hearts to the test, but shelter us in your protective love. For through Jesus Christ, we are your people. Amen.

Children's Moments

OT Lesson

Genesis 2:15-17 & 3:1-7

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Prayer Hymn

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

(v. 1,3) UMH #496

Prayers of the Faithful & the Lord's Prayer

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Merciful One, we do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from your mouth. Still, we seek your blessing upon this offering, for many are hungry and need food, many are naked and need clothes, many are homeless and need shelter. May these gifts reflect the depth of our gratitude as they go into the world. In Jesus's name, we pray. Amen.

**Gospel Lesson

Matthew 4:1-11

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Ministry of Music

"Knowing You"

Erika Stone, vocal solo & piano

Graham Kendrick

Sermon

"Giving It Up: Control"

Pastor Jeff Bandy

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

UMH #13

**Closing Hymn

"Lift High the Cross"

UMH #159

**Sending Forth

Postlude



*The Altar Flowers are given to Welcome
Pastor Jeff and Suzanne Bandy.*

Gospel Lesson - Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)

Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness

⁴ 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.

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew. We welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon.



Rev. Jeff Bandy

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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

March 5, 2023 – Worship Team

Ushers	Doug Wickline, Bruce Spittler, Brant Wickline
Greeters	Scott Jenkins, Carol Jenkins
Acolyte	Luke Mossing
Liturgist	Elaine Hughes
Guest Organist	Pam Colbrunn
Choir Director	Glen Shaw
Bells Director	Jim McPeck



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	SPRC	7:00 pm	Library
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Gospel Lesson

Rev. Jeff Bandy
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BLOOD DRIVE: We will have a blood drive in the Community Center on **Monday, April 3, 2:00pm to 6:00pm**. You can make a reservation for your preferred appointment time to donate by going to www.donortime.com or (937) 461-3220. Remember that your donation can save as many as THREE lives!

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