



He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan;  
and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.  
- Mark 1:13

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# OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

February 21, 2021

First Sunday in Lent

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PRELUDE

Althea Waites

CALL TO WORSHIP

*(from Psalm 25)*

Leader: Make me to know your ways, O Lord. Teach me your paths.

**People: Lead me in your truth, and teach me.**

Leader: You are the God of my salvation.

**People: For you I wait all day long.**

Leader: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,

**People: for those who keep God's covenant and God's decrees.**

\*HYMN #345

*"Tis the Old Ship of Zion" vs 1 & 2*

DeForest Kirkwood

**'Tis the old ship of Zion, 'tis the old ship of Zion,  
'Tis the old ship of Zion, get on board, get on board.**

**It has landed many a thousand, it has landed many a thousand,  
It has landed many a thousand, get on board, get on board.**

**'Tis the old ship of Zion, 'tis the old ship of Zion  
'Tis the old ship of Zion, get on board, get on board.**

**Ain't no danger in the water, ain't no danger in the water,  
Ain't no danger in the water, get on board, get on board.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

**Unison: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. According to your abundant mercy, heal my wounds, show me how to right my wrongs, wash away my transgressions, restore my feet to a path of joy and gladness. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Anette Jaquette

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#723

**Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,  
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?  
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

THE CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround you with a community of love and forgiveness, that you may grow in God, and be found faithful in your service to others. We will pray for you that you may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

*“Wings of a Dove”*

3<sup>rd</sup> service ensemble

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Jonathan Chute

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 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.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

Althea Waites

\*DOXOLOGY

DeForest Kirkwood

**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. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

- Mark 1:9-15

The Spirit identifies and directs Jesus

Anette Jaquette

SERMON

*“Wilderness Wonderings”*

April Herron

HYMN #374

*“Standing on the Promises”* vs 1 & 2

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**Standing on the promises of Christ my King,**

**Through eternal ages let his praises ring;**

**Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,**

**Standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;**

**Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing on the promises that cannot fail,**

**When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,**

**By the living Word of God I shall prevail,**

**Standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;**

**Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.**

BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,**

**With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE

Althea Waites

We are pleased to celebrate the baptism of Zara Reddy. Zara is the daughter of Rajiv and Kate Reddy and the sister of Nikhil and Meena. We are pleased to join with their family and friends as we give thanks for God's grace this day.

3<sup>rd</sup> service ensemble:

*Paula Kuno* – guitar/mandolin/vocals, *Teresa James* – piano/flute/vocals

*Michael Starr* – guitar/violin/mandolin/vocals, *Zach Provost* – piano/vocals

*Cory Tramontelli* – bass/vocals, *Jack Sollecito* – percussion/guitar/piano

Rev. Jonathan Chute, Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus

Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director

Annette Matsuda, Parish Nurse

Gabby Palacios, Kid Zone/Mid Zone Director

Debra DeLuca, Children's Ministry Director

Kristin Reksc, Youth Ministry Director

Rev. Dr. April Herron, Associate Pastor

Charles Dickerson, III, Music Director

Althea Waites, Organist

Paula Kuno, 3<sup>rd</sup> Service Music

John Fitzgerald, Treasurer

Nicole Lowery Zakman, Church Business Mgr.

Roksolana Vecerek, Exec. Asst. to Pastor

Peggy Roulette, Church Office Admin.

Miguel Portillo, Custodian