

JESUS IS TESTED IN THE WILDERNESS

Matthew 4:1-11

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.

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LIVING OUR BAPTISMAL CALLING

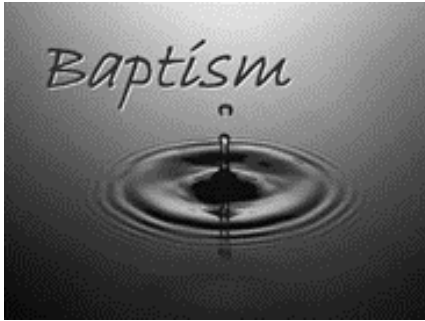


CHELTENHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

First Sunday in Lent
Renounce, Reject, Repent!

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"Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?"

PRELUDE and CANDLE LIGHTING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: After he was baptized by John, Jesus went by himself to the wilderness where he was tempted.

PEOPLE: **Forty days in the desert, Jesus was tempted to become relevant, spectacular, and powerful.**

Leader: Today, we begin to journey with Jesus through the season of Lent, which brings us to face some of our own weaknesses and temptations.

PEOPLE: **Let us worship God and walk the journey together, allowing the spirit to be our guide and companion along the way.**

Leader: As we begin this journey through Lent, let us begin with prayer:

ALL: **God, you know our hearts. You have knitted our inmost being and you know our deepest desires, fears and worries. Help us to journey during this Lenten season into a new awareness of your presence in our lives. Save us from our own temptations, so that we may more freely follow you.**

Amen

***HYMN:** *"Holy Ground"* #2272 TFWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SUNG RESPONSE: *"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"*
#2193 TFWS

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY-** *"Alleluia"* #186 UMH

ANTHEM

***SCRIPTURE READING-** Matthew 4:1-11

***HYMN** – *"Take Time to Be Holy"* #395 UMH

SERMON – "Renounce, Reject, Repent!"

HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN** – *"Be Still, My Soul"* #534 UMH

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE- *"Living for Jesus"* vs 1 #2149 TFWS

PASSING THE PEACE

Hymns can be found in the TFWS – *The Faith We Sing* and UMH- *United Methodist Hymnal*

***Please stand as you are able.**

If you are visiting our church service today, we want you to know that we are glad you are here!

*We invite **everyone** to join us down stairs after worship for a time of fellowship.*

