

St. Mark's
United Methodist
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by caring for all people.**

Traditional Service
June 3, 2018



Connecting to God and One Another

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Connecting to Jesus... The Power of Hope

June 3, 2018

8:15 and 9:45 AM Traditional Worship

Please remember to silence your cell phone.

**Please stand as you are comfortable.*

PREPARATION †

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days. Luke 4:1

Holy Spirit, take us to the desert. Speak straight to our hearts. Help us fast with Jesus. Smooth out our rough souls. Give us spiritual quiet, a quick and ready faith. God, our only nourishment, our energy, we want to come from temptation, Jesus, charged with yourself. Let this be.

Anne Osdieck

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please fill out your prayer request cards during this time. Pass only prayer requests that you wish to have read aloud to the center aisles at this time.

PRELUDE

“Jesus Calls Us”

Jude/arr. L. Smith

***CALL TO WORSHIP††**

Jesus began his ministry to the world,
led by the Spirit into the wilderness.
On our journey of faith let us be led by the Spirit,
even into the uncomfortable places.
In those forty days, and in that place,
Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt
and temptation.
As we seek to follow Jesus,
we would be led,
even into the uncomfortable choices.
Jesus left the wilderness,
faithful and obedient to God,
rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.
As we continue on our path to faithfulness,
we will be led by our Christ,
rejoicing in the Lord our God.

OPENING HYMN “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” *United Methodist Hymnal*
No. 127

OPENING PRAYER †††

Almighty God, your Son fasted in the wilderness, and faced human temptations. Give us courage to face and name our own temptations, and to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit. You know us better than we know ourselves; may we know you and grow closer to the vision you have for us, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever; Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY’S SCRIPTURE

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING James 4:1-4 *NRSV*, p. 230

OFFERING OF MUSIC “Every Time I Feel The Spirit” arr. Schrader
Summer Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1: 12-13 *NRSV*, p. 35

MESSAGE “With Us... In Our Temptations” **Rev. Sharon Ragland**
(Second in the series, *Connecting to Jesus... The Power of Hope*)

CALL TO PRAYER “*It Is Well with My Soul*” *UMH*, No. 377
(stanzas 1-2)

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

Offertory “Bread of the World” Hodges/arr. Martin

*Doxology Tune of No. 95, *UMH*

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Circling through earth so all may grow;
Vanquishing fear so all may give;
Widening grace so all may live.
Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN	“Standing on the Promises”	<i>UMH</i> , No. 374
*SUNG BENEDICTION	“Shalom to You”	<i>UMH</i> , No. 666
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	“Go Forth With Knowledge”	Koury

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