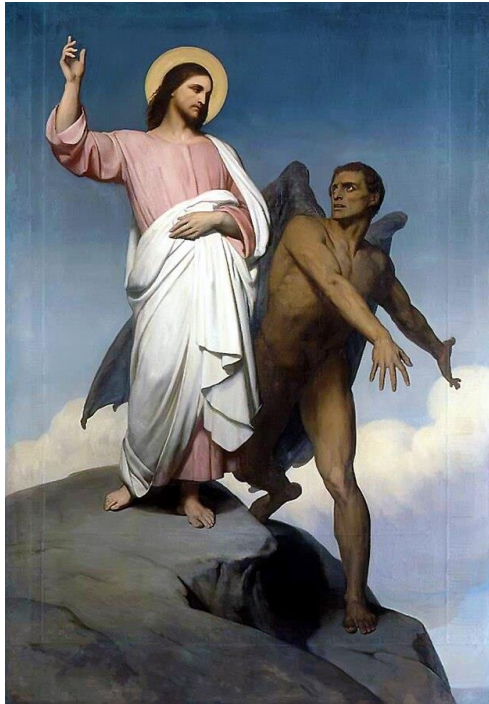


The United Methodist Church in
Wayne



Ary Scheffer - The Temptation of Christ (1854)

Sunday March 9, 2025

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PRELUDE

Sympathy For the Devil

Parish Drive

WELCOME

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

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

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

All: Let us worship God and walk the journey together, seeking the spirit as our guide and companion along the way.

HYMN

Take Time to Be Holy

UMH #395

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, we tremble to enter the season of Lent, the desert of our temptation, the valley of our suffering. But you have given us your gentle Jesus to go with us, to face this darkness with grace and healing. Help us, then, to go with him, now and throughout this season: in prayer and simplicity to surrender ourselves to you and your grace. Gather us, God, in your open arms, and restore your image in us by the power of your Word. Amen.

THE BASKET

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess our sin: we have not loved you with all our heart, mind, soul and strength, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. Have mercy upon us: forgive our sin, heal our hearts, and renew your Holy Spirit within us, that being born anew by your grace, we may live in the light of your love, in the name of Christ.

Silent reflection

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

SCRIPTURE Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.

The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread."

Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."

Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' And

'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

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.

HYMN

Nobody Know the Trouble I See

UMH #520

MESSAGE

Jennifer Schiffrin

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PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

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.

WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

OFFERTORY

Open the Eyes of My Heart

***Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
I want to see you; I want to see you.***

***Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
I want to see you; I want to see you.***

***To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your pow'r and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy***

***Doxology
Holy, Holy, Holy
Holy, Holy, Holy
Holy, Holy, Holy
I want to see You.***

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Faithful God, who journeys with us through the wilderness of our lives, as we offer these gifts, we remember your sustaining presence. In this period of spiritual renewal, strengthen us to resist temptation and guide us to live in community with love and grace. May these offerings be signs of hope and acts of compassion that reflect the love you have shown us in Christ. Empower us to rise together, supporting one another on this journey of faith and transformation. In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
I want to see you; I want to see you.*

*** CLOSING HYMN** Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley *see insert*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS March 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS March 10th – 16th

Monday March 10th

AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Room 8)

Tuesday March 11th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Wednesday March 12th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Thursday March 13th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Friday March 14th

Friday Morning Prayer @ 7pm on Facebook

Sunday March 16th

Worship @ 10am

Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal at 11:15am

OPPORTUNITIES TO DEEPEN OUR FAITH DURING LENT

Draw Close – Thursday Evenings 7:15pm – 8:30pm on Zoom

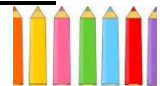
The Scriptures of Lent are full of anticipation and curiosity. They invite us to open our hearts and pay attention to God's work in the beauty and brokenness of the world around us.

Each week we will approach a biblical text with

Playful creativity!

Grab your pencils, paint, fabric, musical instruments and let's draw close and see what God is up to!

Please contact the office or Pastor Ninabeth with any questions you may have and to receive the ZOOM link





During the 45 days of Lent which starts March 5th, UMC in Wayne will be collecting food for WIN. We did this several years ago and we delivered about 150 bags of food to WIN.

The challenge is to beat our old record!

Get your friends and family involved to help our friends in Wayne.

We will have a list of acceptable food items.

Hate to shop? All monetary donations are accepted!

See Anita or Liz if you have any questions!



Save the Date!

New Jersey Choral Society Presents...

Sun, Moon & Stars

A collection of hits from the 60s and 70s

Performances are at St Joseph's Regional High School
Montvale, NJ

-Saturday, March 15th 2025 7:30pm

-Sunday March 16th 2025 3:00pm

Tickets available at www.njcs.org
or contact Lyn Sentkowski



Lenten Soup Sale

Our annual soup sale during Lent begins on **Sunday, March 9** and will **continue until April 13**. **Sign-up sheets for soup makers are on the bulletin board in the narthex. Containers are provided.**

As in the past, there will be delicious varieties of soups to purchase each week at a bargain price of \$5 per pint. All are welcome to support the sale by preparing or purchasing these savory soups! Questions? See Anita Dispenziere or Lyn Sentkowski



New Community Garden

Spring is on the way!!!

We would like to start a **community garden** on our church property! We are looking for folks interested in planning, building, planting and any other ideas you have to offer. We would like to call it

“The Garden of Eatin’ “

If you are ready, willing and able to help, please email Pastor Ninabeth at pastorninabeth@gmail.com

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