

Luke 4:1-13 (NRSV)

The Temptation of Jesus

4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ ¹¹ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” ¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

The 1st Sunday of Lent, March 6, 2022 From security to generosity

*As we seek God's way, we move from prioritizing our personal
security to living with generosity toward our neighbors.*

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

Prelude to Worship

*Call to Worship

*Together we seek the way of God,
**through the wilderness of Lent,
through the wilderness of life.***

*We crave the safety of God's shelter,
**the cool comfort of the divine shadow,
the security of the holy fortress.***

*God offers the care of angels,
**the gentleness of creation,
the protection of love.***

*God is generous to all who call on the holy name,
so come, let us seek God's way of generosity.*

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*Hymn

I Sought the Lord

VT 161

Lenten prayer of confession (Isaiah 55, adapted)

Holy One, we seek you while you may be found.

We call upon you while you are near.

*Have mercy on us, O God, for our thoughts are not your thoughts
and our ways are not your ways.*

Forgive us for seeking security.

Lead us into your way of generosity.

*As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey, let us see your way
more clearly*

and follow your way more faithfully.

Prayer

When the fruit from the soil springs forth and ripens, and the laughing trees seem to bow before us, may we remember that a wandering Aramean was our ancestor. May we remember that the earth is yours, O God, and that our dwelling place is only a tent. Our security is in you and your way. May your winds rattle our walls and shake our false sense of security. May we walk with Jesus as we seek your way while he turns from the temptation to rule the world and turns toward those who cry out in their affliction, toil, and oppression. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn I Want Jesus to Walk with Me VT 306
Time for God's Children: Dimples the Dog and Luka the Llama
Deryll and Joshua

SHARING

Sharing and Prayer Pastor Tom

LISTENING

Scripture Luke 4:1-13
Message Seeking God's Ways Pastor Tom

RESPONDING

Hymn Fill Us with Your Feast VT 309
Sharing the Lord's Supper
 Invitation
 Coming forward, seeking God's way
 Words of Institution, and eating together
 Prayer of Thanksgiving
Benediction The Lord Lift You Up VT 832
Postlude Shirley Baltzer

Offering this Sunday: Please share any monetary gifts in the trays at the back of the sanctuary. Today's offerings will be used for our local ministry.

A signup sheet for preparing Wednesday night meals is posted on the white board in the hall. Please consider volunteering to prepare one of the only four meal slots open. NOTE: THIS WEEK IS STILL NEEDED!

Please continue to pray for peace and safety in Ukraine. MCC is evaluating the situation and giving support to staff and partners as the

situation allows. All international MCC staff have been evacuated from Ukraine including two SALT participants from Kansas. Aaron Ensz from Buhler has returned to the U.S. and Micah Epp from North Newton has relocated outside of Ukraine. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as well.

Today - March 6 – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program, Reinhild K. Janzen, “Ritual Markers of Life and Death in Uganda and Taiwan,” 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum auditorium. This program is associated with the current special exhibit marking 125 years of Kauffman Museum, and Janzen will be talking about items included in the exhibit. Current Bethel COVID protocol requires face coverings to be worn indoors regardless of vaccination status.

This week - Join the fun at 14th annual MCC Comforter Blitz on March 7, 8 and 9 at the Journey Yoder Campus, one mile north of Yoder, KS. Times are Monday and Tuesday 9-5 and Wednesday 9-4. No sewing skills required. Lunch is available by donation each day, or you may bring your own sack lunch. You can bring snacks to share during the workday. Masks are highly encouraged, and social distancing will be practiced. This event is hosted by Kansas Friends of MCC, to make good quality comforters for MCC to send for warmth and love all around the world. Please contact the MCC Central States office with questions at 316-283-2720, or check the Facebook Page, “MCC

FYI: The smoke in the sanctuary last Wednesday night was due to a furnace fan motor that had burned up. Thanks to those who found the trouble and have gotten a new one on order.