



# First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 21

10:45 service

Good morning! Please click [here](#) if you would like to submit a prayer request.

Welcome

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Prelude

*This Little Light of Mine*

Calvin Taylor (b. 1948)

Introit

*Introit Meditation*

FUMCPA Handbells

Processional Hymn

*O Love, How Deep*

UMH 267, v. 1, 3, 6

O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
it fills the heart with ecstasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake!

For us he prayed; for us he taught;  
for us his daily works he wrought;  
by words and signs and actions thus  
still seeking not himself, but us.

All glory to our Lord and God  
for love so deep, so high, so broad:  
the Trinity whom we adore,  
forever and forevermore.

Life of the Community

Call to Worship

One: God meets us in the night—  
**All: Before the sun rises,  
Before the wound heals,  
Before there are answers,  
Before there is closure.**

One: God meets us in the light—

**All: Where joy is effervescent,  
Where laughter is contagious,  
Where flowers bloom from cracks in the sidewalk,  
And where people gather around the table.**

One: God meets us at the threshold—

**All: At the edge of the water,  
At the beginning of the wilderness,  
At the start of something new,  
On the edge of faith.**

One: And if God meets us in all those places,  
Then surely God meets us in between—

**All: Staying with us through the wilderness.**

One: We are not alone. God is all around.

**All: Let us worship the God of the here and now.**

## Pastoral Prayer

### Lord's Prayer

Our Creator 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.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## Scripture

*Mark 1:9-15*

Rohan Sharma

## Hymn

*Jesus, Tempted in the Desert*

FWS 2105, v. 1 & 2

Jesus, tempted in the desert, lonely, hungry, filled with dread:  
"Use your power," the tempter tells him; "Turn these barren rocks to bread!"  
"Not alone by bread," he answers, "Can the human heart be filled.  
Only by the Word that calls us is our deepest number stilled!"

Jesus, tempted at the temple, high above its ancient wall:  
"Throw yourself from lofty turret; angels wait to break your fall!"  
Jesus shuns such empty marvels, feats that fickle crowds request:  
"God, whose grace protects, preserves us, we must never vainly test."

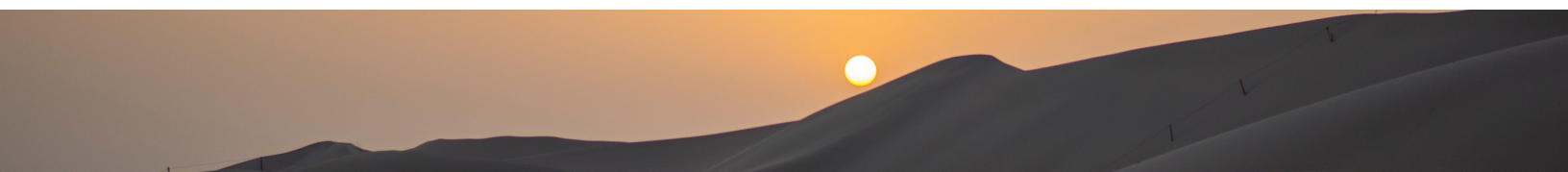
## VirtuAll Voices

*Again & Again*

Lenora & Hannah Rand, arr. by Timothy P. Biglow

## Message

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray



Anthem

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

Paul Sjolund (b. 1935)

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Prayer

Ever-loving, ever-giving God, as we bring our gifts to your altar, we confess our need for repentance. We have often let the call of the world drown out your call in our lives. We have given in to the temptation to see the world and its resources as ours to use as we please. We have lived too often as if we were the center of the universe, and we have ignored your pervading presence. Help us move through this season with repentant, generous hearts so that we might not just see your great blessings on us, but see ways to be a blessing to others. In the wonderful name of Christ, our Savior and redeemer, we pray. Amen.

Offertory

*Steal Away*

Doxology

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH No. 94

Closing Hymn

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

UMH 269, v. 1, 4, 5

Lord, who throughout these forty days  
for us didst fast and pray,  
teach us with thee to mourn our sins  
and close by thee to stay.

And through these days of penitence,  
and through thy passiontide,  
yea, evermore in life and death,  
Jesus, with us abide.

Abide with us, that so, this life  
of suffering over past,  
an Easter of unending joy  
we may attain at last.

Benediction

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*Alleluia*

UMH 186

Postlude

*Soon I Will Be Done*

Calvin Taylor (b. 1948)

## **Virtual Coffee & Chat**

Join us after the service for a virtual coffee chat! All are welcome.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81124350936>

Please message Paula McKinney or Pastor Ann for the password.