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Call to Worship written by Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies, <https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/search?q=Luke+4%3A1-13>

### Discussion Questions

#### Prepare for 3/13: Luke 13:31-35

Sometimes what gets in our way is our desire for a shortcut. The road ahead looks long and steep—isn't there a way to go around the hard parts? In Luke 13:31-35 Jesus exchanges some words with the Pharisees who have come to share a warning with him. After some name-calling, Jesus shares a beautiful lament over the people who have not accepted him. What does it mean to you that Jesus wants to gather up those who are opposed to him? As you read, remember that Luke is making a larger point about the road that Jesus still has to walk before he is killed in Jerusalem.

Need someone to talk to? Contact Pastor Miriam. Central also offers **Stephen Ministers**—lay Christian friends trained to help through times of crisis. The pastor can get you in touch with one.



## Services during LENT



**April 10th**  
10:30 Service ~ Palm Processional  
Potluck luncheon @ 11:30  
Easter Egg Hunt

**April 14th**  
Maundy Thursday Service  
Sanctuary  
7:00pm



**April 15th**  
A Service of Shadows  
Sanctuary  
7:00pm

**April 17th**  
10:30 Service  
Children's Choirs sing



**Children and Youth** will not meet Sunday night March 13 or Wednesday night March 16 due to spring break.

**The Church Council Meeting** will be on March 20th at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All members are welcome.

There will be performances of **Godspell** in the sanctuary on April 8 and 9 at 7 pm and April 10 in the afternoon. Church members are supporting and participating in the show. More details to follow.

### February Financials

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Received Feb 28	\$12,753
Needed for Feb	\$62,235
Received for Feb	\$57,364

### Last Week's Attendance

In-person:	190
Online:	65

### March 9 Menu for Wed Nite Café

- Fried Chicken
- Coleslaw
- Mashed Potatoes/Gravy
- Biscuits
- Salad
- Dessert



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Sunday School – 9:30 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM

### Calendar

#### Sunday, March 6

- 9:15 AM Crossroads (Rm 209)
- 9:30 AM Children, Youth 3rd Fl, Cornerstone (LFH), Agape (L), Lovett (Rm 208), Bates/Godwin (Rm 213)
- 9:30 AM Confirmation Class
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 5:00-7:00 PM Children, Youth
- 5:00 PM Gifts of the Spirit Study-FH

#### Tuesday, March 8

- 5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
- 8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH
- 9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Ladies B.S.-L
- 2:30 PM Prayer Team

#### Wednesday, March 9

- 5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
- 5:00 PM Wednesday Nite Café
- 6:00 PM Wednesday Nite Programming Children, Youth, Adults
- 6:30 PM Choir Practice
- 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting-L

#### Thursday, March 10

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study-JJ

#### Friday, March 11

- 5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
- 9:00 AM, Women's Java Jaay Bible

CH- Chapel, FH- Fellowship Hall  
LFH- Lower Fellowship Hall  
L - Library S- Sanctuary G- Gym

Check our website for up-to-date calendar.  
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Central's mission:

Love God  
Love others  
Serve the world

## WHAT'S IN THE WAY?

### TEMPTATIONS

LUKE 4:1-13



Central's mission:

Love God, love others, and serve the world

March 6, 2022

1st Sunday in Lent

10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.

\*Stand at these points, as you're comfortable.

Musical Gift "I Love You Lord with My Jesus I Love You" *arr. Wyrzten*

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Jesus began his ministry to the world, led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

**As we begin our Lenten journey, 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 #395 "Take Time to be Holy"

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;

Abide in him always, and feed on his word.

Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,

Forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;  
Spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.  
By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be;  
Thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let him be thy guide,  
And run not before him, whatever betide.  
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,  
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,  
Each thought and each motive beneath his control.  
Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love,  
Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

\*Affirmation of Faith

*Apostle's Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
The third day he rose from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic\* church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\*universal*

\*Greeting

Hymn #405 "Seek Ye First"

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find;  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Prayers of the People

**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 for ever. Amen.**

Children's Message

Debbie Looney

Special Music "Down to the River to Pray"

*arr. Sheldon Curry*

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way  
and who shall wear the starry crown.  
Good Lord, show me the way.  
O sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.  
O sisters, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way  
and who shall wear the robe and crown.  
Good Lord, show me the way.  
O brothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.  
Come on brothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way  
and who shall wear the starry crown.  
Good Lord, show me the way.  
O fathers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.  
O fathers, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way  
and who shall wear the robe and crown.  
Good Lord, show me the way.  
O mothers, let's go down, come on down, don't-cha wanna go down.  
Come on mothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way  
and who shall wear the robe and crown.  
Good Lord, show me the way.  
O sinners, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.  
O sinners, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

Bible Reading— Luke 4:1-13

**Lord, open our hearts and minds**

**by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

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 tempted 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 their glory and all this authority; 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 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, 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.

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message — "Temptations"

Rev. Miriam Smith

Closing Hymn #269 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

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

As thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win,  
O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.

As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,  
To die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.

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.

Musical Gift "Postlude of Adoration"

*arr. Wytzen*