



March 13 Lent 2

Sunday, March 20 Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 55:1–9

Psalms 63:1–8

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

Luke 13:1–9

Hymn Sing resumes on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Watch for link.

Worship Services are in person during March at the Carman Church!!

In Lent, There's No "Life as Usual"

At once the Spirit drove him out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.

The impulse that led Jesus to the wilderness immediately following his baptism was powerful. The Spirit "drove him," suggesting that Jesus could not resist. After the drama of God's revelation at the river Jordan, Jesus naturally wanted solitude in which to respond to the Presence that had seized him.

Time in the desert can be terrifying. During their forty years of wandering, the Hebrew people had to encounter their "shadow side" as they struggled to move beyond faithfulness and doubt. During his desert sojourn, Jesus encountered the Tempter who wanted to prevent God's work. In this wrestling with evil, we come to know God's love and mercy. This Lent, let us allow God's Spirit to lead us to those places in which we can fully encounter ourselves; there, the work of transformation can begin.

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from "With Grateful Hearts"

