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Christ in the Wilderness by Stanley Spencer

Fairlawn Avenue United Church
Sunday, February 22, 2026 10:30am
Lent I

Rev. Rob Metcalf
Eleanor Daley, Director of Music
Fairlawn Avenue Senior Choir

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*Indicates when the congregation is to stand, as able.

Congregational responses, singing and readings in unison are indicated in bold text.

Welcome and Acknowledgement

***Processional Hymn** Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

VU #559

***Gathering Prayer**

***Introit** Oh, May These Our Lenten Days

E. Daley

Oh, may these our Lenten days,
blest by thee, with thee be passed,
that with purer, nobler praise,
we may keep thy feast at last.
(from the Latin, ca. 11th century,
trans. John Ellerton, 1826-1893)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Sharing Peace

Scripture Matthew 4:1-11 (The Good News Bible)

Reader: Sue Metcalf

Anthem Forty Days and Forty Nights

attrib. Martin Herbst (1654-1681)
arr. Harrison Oxley (1933-2009)

Forty days and forty nights thou wast fasting in the wild,
Forty days and forty nights tempted and yet undefiled.

Sunbeams scorching all the day, chilly dewdrops nightly shed,
Prowling beasts about thy way, stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.

Let us thine endurance share, and from earthly joys abstain,
With thee watching unto prayer, strong with thee to suffer pain.

And if Satan, vexing sore, flesh or spirit should assail,
Thou, his vanquisher before, grant we may not faint nor fail.

So shall we have peace divine, holier gladness ours shall be,
Round us too shall angels shine, such as ministered to thee.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear, ever constant by thy side,
That with thee we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.
(G. H. Smyttan, 1832-1870/F. Pott, 1832-1909)

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Reflection "A Lenten Imagination"

Rev. Rob Metcalf

***Hymn** Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

VU #266

Introduction of Offering

Offertory Anthem A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you,
Deep peace of Christ to you.
(Traditional)

***Presentation of the Offering**

**In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,
To serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son,
Teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Recessional Hymn** Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights

VU #108 (v. 1, 3, 4, 5 & 6)

***Blessing**

***Choral Commissioning**

E. Daley

(The choir will sing through once, and then the congregation is invited to join in.)

**O Lord, throughout this time of Lent, may we close by you stay,
we walk with you, as we await the joy of Easter Day.**
(E. D.)

Postlude

**The Senior Choir of Fairlawn Avenue
Eleanor Daley, Director of Music**

presents

Requiem

by John Rutter
with
Chamber Orchestra



Sunday, March 1 at 10:30am



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