



**Beach United Church**  
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**March 6, 2022 – First Sunday of Lent**

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

***Gathering Song***

Jesus Christ is Waiting

**VU117**

*Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;  
no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.  
Listen, my Jesus, I am lonely too.  
Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.*

*Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,  
where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.  
Listen, my Jesus, I am angry too.  
In the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.*

*Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,  
'Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.'  
Listen, my Jesus, let my fears be few.  
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.*

**Worship Call**

We are gathered here on the first Sunday of Lent.

***It is a season of mystery.***

It recalls a time of forty days when Jesus journeyed in the wilderness

***Can we go with Jesus on this journey?***

Of course we can.

Jesus is waiting for us and inviting us on the journey.

***But it always seem to be the same old thing...***

Sometimes the unexpected can happen.

When we open ourselves to those moments,

we will discover more about ourselves,

we will discover more about Jesus way,

and we will discover the kindom of heaven.

***As we worship, let's go with Jesus on this journey.***

**Acknowledging the Land**



**Candle Lighting**

**Sing**

**Me Alone**

**MV118**

*Me alone, me alone in-a the wilderness.  
Forty days and forty nights in-a the wilderness*

**Praying together**

***God of promise, we commit ourselves to you today.  
Remind us of our hypocrisy: the times we have not welcomed the stranger in our midst.  
Remind us of Jesus call to share in the journey.  
Remind us of the healing waters of baptism.  
Remind us of the responsibilities we have accepted as your people.  
May your grace and your love be in us and with all creation. Amen***

**And Now For Something Completely Different**



**Sing**

**Me Alone**

**MV118**

*Me alone, me alone in-a the wilderness.  
Forty days and forty nights in-a the wilderness*

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**Prayer of Illumination**



***Join with us, living God,  
as we meet around your word and reflect upon it.  
Encourage us, inspire us. Amen.***

**Listening to ancient story**

**Luke 4:1-13**

**New Revised Standard Version**

**Gift of music**

**Rainbow**

**Kacey Musgraves**

**Reflection**

**Giving up God Chocolate and other Lenten Musings**

**Sing**

When We are Tested

**MV65**

*When we are tested and wrestle alone,  
famished for bread when the world offers stone,  
nourish us, God, by your word and your way,  
food that sustains us by night and by day.*

*When in the desert we cry for relief,  
pleading for paths marked by certain belief,  
lift us to love you beyond sign and test,  
trusting your presence, our only true rest.*

*When we are tempted to barter our souls,  
trading the truth for the pow'r to control,  
teach us to worship and praise only you,  
seeking your will in the work that we do.*

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

#### **Responding to God and Community**

**Sing** our response:

Called by Earth and Sky

**MV135**

*Refrain:*

*Called by earth and sky,  
promise of hope held high.  
This is our sacred living trust,  
treasure of life sanctified,  
called by earth and sky.*

*After last verse, repeat two times  
called by earth and sky.*

*Precious these waters, endless seas,  
deep ocean's dream,  
waters of healing, rivers of rain,  
the wash of love again.*

*Precious this gift, the air we breathe;  
wind born and free.  
Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place,  
our gathering and our grace.*

*Precious these mountains, ancient sands;  
vast fragile land.  
Seeds of our wakening, rooted and strong,  
Creation's faithful song.*

## Praying for people and the world

Let us bless the one who creates us: ***Blessed be God.***

***Sing***

Jesus Tempted in the Desert

VU115

*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 hunger stilled!'*

*Jesus, tempted on the mountain  
by the lure of vast domain:  
'Fall before me! Be my servant!  
Glory, fame, you're sure to gain!'  
Jesus sees the dazzling vision,  
turns his eyes another way:  
'God alone deserves our homage!  
God alone will I obey!'*

*When we face temptation's power,  
lonely, struggling, filled with dread,  
Christ, who knew the tempter's hour,  
come and be our living bread.  
By your grace, protect, preserve us  
lest we fall, your trust betray.  
Yours, above all other voices,  
be the Word we hear, obey.*

## Benediction & Commissioning

***Sing blessing***

Go Now in Peace

*Go Now in Peace, never be afraid;  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith steadfast and true;  
Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love and show you believe;  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above,  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*