

Scripture Theme for 2025
For God gave us a Spirit not of Fear
But of Power and Love and Self Control
2 Timothy 1:7



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Welcome All!

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us either

on Face book Live or in the Sanctuary.

**Congregation, please stand if able*

PRELUDE

Tom Hoehn

Point to Ponder: Opportunity may knock only once, but temptation leans on the doorbell.

I generally avoid temptation unless I can't resist it.

--Mae West.

BEGINNING WITH A SONG

TFWS 2105

"Jesus, Tempted in the Desert"

AND JUST WHY DID WE COME

Rudy Hyde

One: The season rolls around again.

All: Deep calls to deep.

One: Settle down. Look within.

All: Be quiet. Listen.

One: Are you on the right path? Are you drawing closer to God? Are you more loving?

All: Now is the time to reflect and pray.

One: Now is the season for silence and giving.

All: Thank God for Lent.

One: Thank God we journey not alone.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Rudy Hyde

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Pastor Melissa

We confess that when we read about your temptations, we excuse ourselves. After all, we reason, we are not you. Of course, you passed the test, we say. You're God, right? But

we mere mortals have no expectation that we can withstand evil like you did. But we are reminded that you are not only Savior; you are our best Example.

You faced the temptation to prove yourself, to be spectacular, and to have consuming power. And you walked away, resisting. Forgive us when we have yielded to temptation. Forgive us for loving power and prestige, and popularity more than God. Help us to choose a life rooted in God's word and grace.

A moment of silence with God in your personal prayer of confession.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

SONG OF FAITH

TFWS 2165

"Cry of My Heart"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

followed by **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

YOUR GIVING MADE A DIFFERENCE

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Faithful God, who journeys with us through the wilderness of our lives, as we offer these gifts, we remember your sustaining presence. May these offerings be signs of hope and acts of compassion that reflect the love you have shown us in Christ. Empower us to rise together, supporting one another on this journey of faith. In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Tom Hoehn

***DOXOLOGY**

SCRIPTURE FOR MARCH:

Psalm139:14

I praise You God

Because I am Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

Psalm139:14

PSALTAR READING

Bill Elliott

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

***THE GOSPEL READING**

Louise Humble

Luke 4:1-13

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People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Pastor Melissa

*“Three Things Jesus Lost
in the Wilderness”*

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

***SONG OF GOING FORTH**

No. 143

“On Eagles Wings”

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Your Lenten journey is beginning!

People: **The creative, redeeming, sustaining presence of
God accompanies us.**

Pastor: Open your hearts to follow wherever God may lead you
these next 40 days. In the powerful name of the Trinity,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: **Submit to God and God will bring the best out of
you.**

POSTLUDE

Tom Hoehn