

Music for Meditation: Jennifer Turner

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song ~ Marty Haugen ~

♪ ♪ **Return to God with all your heart,
the source of grace and mercy;
Come seek the tender faithfulness of God.**

Welcome: Rev. Greg Powell

Territorial Acknowledgement

Lighting the Christ Candle (*in silence*): Peggy Hodding

Opening Prayer
The journey of Lent begins.

May we walk in faithfulness.

The temptations of Lent are present.

May we stay focussed on God's will.

The gifts of Lent are for us.

**We will pray, we will reflect,
we will confess, we will repent,
we will give thanks.**

We walk into the wilderness,

Remembering desert nights,

Challenging days,

And the ministry of angels.

We extinguish one candle,

As we begin this season together.

Extinguish a Tenebrae Candle

Instrumental Meditation

Silent Meditation

Sung Meditation ~ VU 411 ~

♪ ♪ **O God we call. O God we call.
From deep inside we yearn. From deep inside
we yearn. From deep inside we yearn for you.**

Communion

Communion Songs

♪ ♪ **Bread for the journey, food for the way.
Cup of God's blessing, tomorrow, today**

~ MV 202 ~

♪ ♪ **Bread of life, hope of the world, Jesus
Christ, our brother: feed us now, give us life,
lead us to one another.** ~ Bernadette Farrell ~

Hymn: VU 113 To the Desert Jesus Came

Sharing the Peace of Christ

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

♪ ♪ **Listen in the silence, listen in the noise,
listen for the sound of the Spirit's voice.**

~ Linnea Good ~

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:1-13

Reader: Mahima Sylvester

Reflection: Rev. Greg Powell

Hymn: MV 65 When We Are Tested

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

Offertory Response ~ Carolyn McDade ~

♪ ♪ **To this day I bring my life, born of hope,
born of sand. Yearning joy where now there's strife,
All I have, all I am. Help me to see what I must see,
Help me to be where I must be,
Restless faith abide 'til all are free,
Fill my life, turn my hand.**

Announcements: Work of the People

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn: VU 639 One More Step Along the World I Go

Commissioning and Blessing

Response ~ VU 121 ~

♪ ♪ **Light of life beyond conceiving
mighty Spirit of our Lord;
give us strength to our believing,
give us faith to live your word,
give us faith to live your word.**

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*Following in the way of Jesus
on the journey inward
and the journey outward*

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