



Bellflower UMC

March 6, 2022

First Sunday In Lent

GREETINGS¹

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

OPENING PRAYER²

Jesus began his ministry to the world,
led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

**As we begin our Lenten journey,
let us be led by the Spirit,
even into the uncomfortable places.**

In those forty days, and in that place, Jesus was faced with
hunger, doubt and temptation.

**As we seek to follow Jesus,
we would be led,
even into the uncomfortable choices.**

Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to God,
rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.

**As we continue on our path to faithfulness,
we will be led by our Christ,
rejoicing in the Lord our God.**

 HYMN

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days #269

OT READING - Deuteronomy 26:2a,4-11³

Take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from
the soil of the land the Lord your God is giving you and
put them in a basket. The priest shall take the basket
from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of
the Lord your God.

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² Written by Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies,
<https://lectionarylitanies.blogspot.com/search?q=Luke+4%3A1-13>

³ New Revised Standard Version

Then you shall declare before the Lord your God: **“My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labor.**

Then we cried out to the Lord, the God of our ancestors, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression.

So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders.

He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.”

Place the basket before the Lord your God and bow down before him. Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the Lord your God has given to you and your household.

🎵 HYMN - O God Our Help in Ages Past #117

CHILDREN’S SERMON

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LORD’S PRAYER

🎵 DOXOLOGY - #95

NT READING - Gen 3:14:23

GOSPEL - Luke 4:1-13

SERMON

🎵 HYMN - I Will Trust in the Lord #464

CONFESSION & PARDON - #12

OFFERING & PEACE

HOLY COMMUNION - #17

SENDING⁴

Now let us go from this place of haven
God has given to us.

**Led by the Spirit, we will go to be with those
who are filled with fears, with hopes.**

Now let us go from the refuge of the Table
where we have tasted the first fruits of grace.

**Led by the Spirit, we will go to feed
those who hunger for companionship and life.**

Now let us go into the world, living out God's reality
that there is no distinction between people.

**Led by the Spirit, let us go to serve
our sisters and brothers who are our true family.**

Go in peace.

 **POSTLUDE - Go Now In Peace**

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