

A SERVICE FOR EARLY MORNING

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 9, 2025

(8:30 a.m.)



PRELUDE *Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley* Livingston
Dennis Raley, Music Director

A FEW BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Catch us, O God, in our aimless scurrying from you and others and hold us in this Lenten season. Hold our hearts to the beat of your grace and create in us a resting place, a kneeling place, a tiptoe place where we can listen for your whispered summons and be attentive to your healing love. In the name of the Holy One of Nazareth. Amen.

*SING TOGETHER #269 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

PRAYERS OF JOY, PRAYERS OF NEED

THE LORD'S PRAYER ("trespasses")

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Luke 4:1-13

SERMON

"Come to the Wilderness"

PRAYER

Rev. Timothy Haut

*HYMN

#127

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Solemn Recessional

Tambling



Thank you for coming this morning! May this be a time to find nourishment for your journey through Lent.

You are invited to place your weekly offerings in the plate as you exit the church. Please join us for coffee and conversation in Fellowship Hall following the service.

WILDERNESS

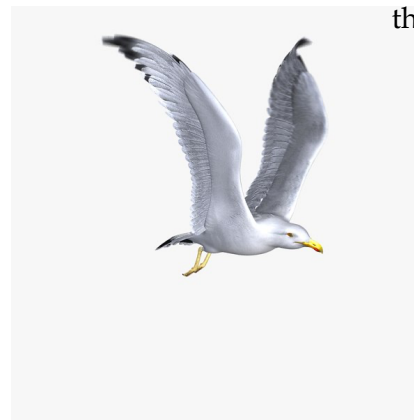
Go the wild places,
and be there alone.
There may be something
you will hear
beside the petulant wind
and the distant cacophony
of the fretting world.

Listen for it,
the still, small voice,
the word you will barely hear.

Look up,
where the free bird flies,
to the open sky, and sun.
Notice how the great oak
reaches mightily to light.

See the life stirring
in the moldering leaves,
and feel it stirring
in you, too.

Go to this wilderness
where you will find
yourself.



--Timothy Haut

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
DEEP RIVER, CONNECTICUT
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*As we enter the sanctuary to praise God and the prelude begins,
please observe a respectful silence for the sake of those who use
this time for prayer and meditation.*

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INTROIT *Fill My Cup*

GATHERING WORDS and OPENING PRAYER

Bonnie Brenneman, Lay Reader

*HYMN #269 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

YOUTH MESSAGE *Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Caronna*

*HYMN #2128 *Come and Find the Quiet Center*

As we sing together, Our Faith Explorers will be dismissed.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 91 (p. 810-811)

RESPONSE #641

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up Lord

Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.

Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,

fill my cup Lord, fill it up and make me whole.

THE JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (together)

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who
trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and
ever. Amen.*

CARES CHORUS #2215 *I Cast All My Cares Upon You*
*I cast all my cares upon you,
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet,
And any time that I don't know what to do,
I will cast all my cares upon you.*

ANTHEM *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God* Mueller

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (p. 180)

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 4:1-13 (p. 936)

SERMON "Come to the Wilderness" Rev. Timothy Haut

PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN #127 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE *Sevenfold Amen*

*As the postlude begins, please remain in your seats and enjoy
the special music as you reflect on this morning's service.*

POSTLUDE *Solemn Recessional* Tambling

**Please stand, if you are able*

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The Lenten Altarscape was created by Pastor Cheryl.

Our Ushers this morning are **Lori & David Higgins.**

Thank you **Sally Marston** for doing the **live stream** today.

Birthdays This Week

Brenda Kim, Bill Campbell, Chloe Clark (Today); Timothy Todd (10);
Patrick Atkinson, Melanie Tirrell (11); Tracy Hardy (12); Jeff Hostetler,
Kathleen Rankin, Colton Brooks (14); Eric Bengston, Brad Smith (15).

Happy Anniversary: Pam & Ron Garner (15).

Lenten Puzzle

Our annual **Lenten Puzzle** begins today. A sheet of clues is available in the
Narthex. It will lead you to Bible verses that contain letters to be written in
the puzzle answer sheet. Answer the clues throughout Lent and turn the
completed puzzle in on Palm Sunday (April 13). Prizes will be given on
Easter Sunday!

