[•] Condolences to the family of	Condolences to the family of	
Bob Wise, Alice Walsh's uncle,	Joan Phillips, on her passing	
on his passing		
[•] Condolences to the family of	*Jan C.'s nephew	
Bill Cauley, on his passing		
°John S.	*Chris B.'s brother, Curtis	
'Jean S.'s sister, Holly	[*] Nadine B.	
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This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

3/12 Nicole Blosser3/12 De Niro Bernard

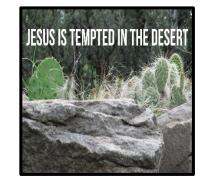
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Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Alice Walsh Liturgist: Ed Brewster Organist: Javier Gonzalez Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez Greeters: Sarah Jackson, Greg Lavelle Usher: Judi Wagner Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter



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First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025 10:30 am

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

L: The grace and peace of our Lord and Savior be with you. **P: And also with you.**

Celebration of Ministries and Missions

Prelude

I heard the Voice of Jesus Say James Biery

*Call to Worship

Ed Brewster

L: On this first Sunday in Lent, we join Jesus in the wilderness, a place of wild and dangerous things, of testing and temptation away from the security of home.

P: God, rescue us in the wilderness!

L: Once again, we watch and listen as Satan throws out temptation upon temptation, and we find our security in Jesus, who does not waver from the truth.

P: God, rescue us within the wilderness!

L: Once again, we face our own frailty and realize that the wilderness is not nearly as dangerous as our choices to prioritize selfish gain and hoarding of power.

P: God, rescue us through the wilderness!

L: Once again, we call upon God in the wildernesses of our lives, and we trust God's faithful reply:

P: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Unison Prayer

God, our Guide and Guardian, lead us on this journey of faith. Through the days and weeks of Lent, help us walk your path to the cross; strengthen us to resist the demons that would lead us astray. Walk with us, Christ Jesus. Be our shelter and our salvation, even as we seek to be your disciples. Amen.

*Old Test	ament Reading	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16	
*Hymn		<i>ughout These Forty Days</i> all 5 verses)	UMH 269

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you know the difficult paths we tread; you know the challenges we face. Forgive us when we wander away from your guidance. Reclaim us when we seek other gods that lead to our own destruction. Guide us back to you that we may rest in your shelter. Strengthen our resolve that we may face the demons of our lives and courageously resist the temptations that blind us to your love. In hope and trust, we pray. Amen. *Unison Words of Pardon and Assurance*

Because we trust in the midst of our doubt, God lays a path before us. Because we hope in the face of our sin, salvation is ours! In the name of Christ, God forgives all and reclaims us as God's holy children.

The Lord's Prayer

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, forever. Amen.

Anthem

*Prayer for the Offering

*Doxology		UMH 95	
Gospel Rea	ding Luke 4:1-13		
Hymn	I Want Jesus to Walk with Me(3 verses)	UMH 521	
Sermon	"Welcome to the Wilderness? Seriously?" Rev. Alice Walsh		
*Hymn	It is Well, with my Soul	UMH 377	

*Responsive Benediction

L: Beloved, as we live in the shelter of the Most High and abide in the shadow of the Almighty, may we find God to be our refuge and fortress.

All: Go now, in the blessing of the Triune God who shelters us and rescues us, that we all might be a shelter and a rescue for, and with, one another. Amen.

PostludeO Love, How DeepKristina Langlois(You are invited to be seated for the Postlude before exiting the Sanctuary.)

*Please stand if you are able.