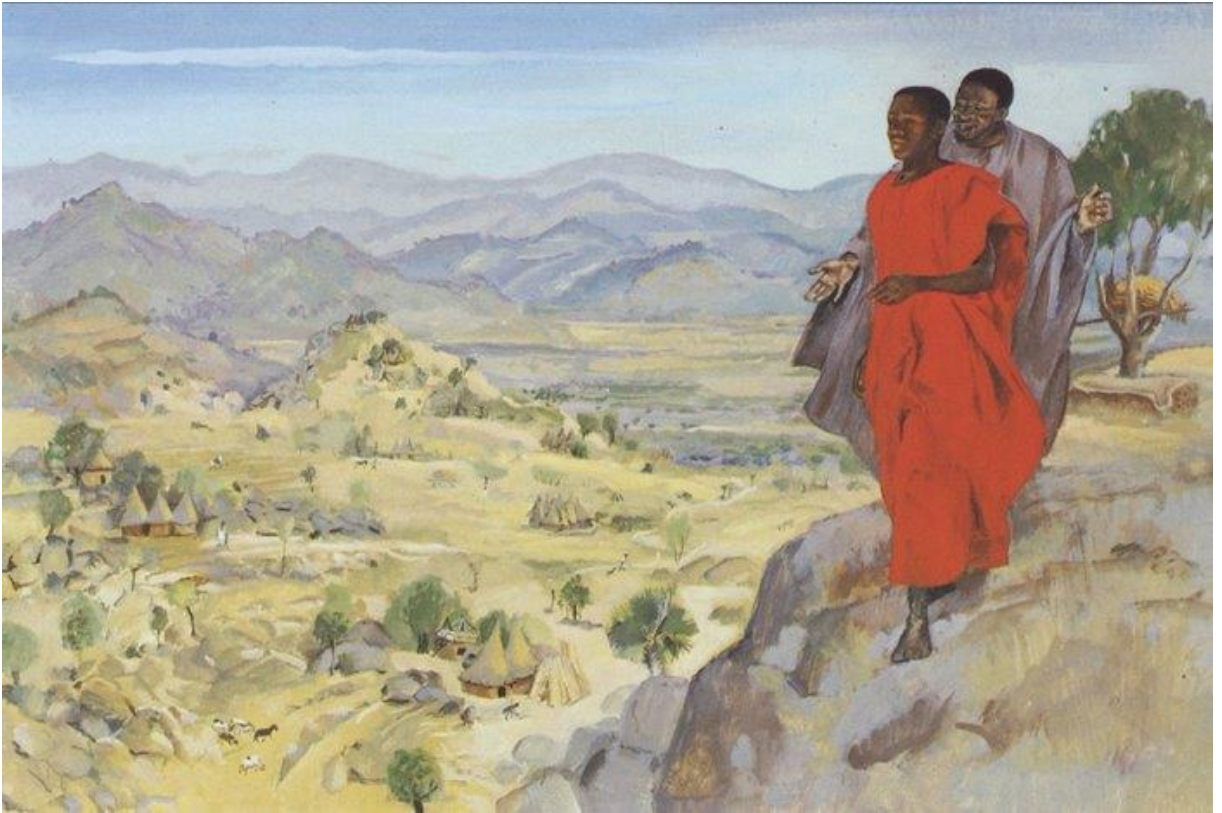


**First Congregational United Church of Christ
Sunday, March 01, 2020
First Sunday of Lent
Jesus is Tempted**



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Welcome to our church family!

You are invited to join us today for refreshments in our Fellowship Hall following the worship service. If you are a guest, please feel free to use the welcome cards available in the pew and place in the offering plate.

(indicates that all who would like and are able are invited to stand. **Bolded** text is to be read by the entire congregation. Traditional unison prayers are in italics and are also read in unison.)*

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Words of Welcome, Announcements, and Signing of the Fellowship Pads
Ringing of the Steeple Bell and the Lighting of the Candles

PRELUDE

INTROIT Choral Introit

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God says, "Do not be afraid, for I have rescued you.

All: I have called you by name, you are mine.

One: When you pass through the waters,

All: I will be with you.

One: And through the rivers,

All: They shall not overwhelm you.

One: When you walk through the fire,

All: You shall not be burned, and the flame will not consume you."

One: For God is the Holy One, our Savior.

All: Come, worship God, who leads us into life.

* GATHERING HYMN # 250. Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights v. 1,2,4,5

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the Wilderness, help us to find peace when we do not know which way to go. Help us to listen for Your Wisdom above the noise of the world. Help us to remember that when we face temptation, when it feels like the devil is near us, You are the one who made the wilderness and is always near us. You are the one who loves us. You are the one who teaches us the greater way of faith, hope, and love. Guide us through the barren landscapes of our life, reminding us that even in the deepest valleys, we are not alone, for You journey with us. We seek Your wisdom, hope, and insight, so that we might gain eternity in the moments we share in this life. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM — Psalm 32 (see insert)

WE PRAISE GOD AND GIVE THANKS THROUGH OUR GIVING

Invitation

Offertory

*** Lenten Doxology**

*Praise God throughout these forty days; Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the spirit who imparts God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.*

CHORAL ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:1-11

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The word of God, for the People of God. **Thanks be to God**

THE MESSAGE

Ron Moore

*** HYMN OF REFLECTION # 686. What Does the Lord Require**

GOD'S PEOPLE IN PRAYER

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Lenten Prayer — "Lord Jesus Christ, you refused"

Side A: Lord Jesus Christ,
you refused to turn stones into bread.
Save us from using our power,
however little,
to satisfy the demands of selfishness
in the face of the needs of others.

Side B: Lord Jesus Christ,
you refused to leap from the temple top.
Save us from displaying our skills,
however modest,
to win instant popularity
in the face of nobler calls on our abilities.

Side A: Lord Jesus Christ,
you refused to bend the knee to a false god.
Save us from offering our devotion,

however weak,
to cheap or easy religion
in the face of the harder path
on which you bid us to follow you.

Side B: Saviour of the World,
you saw Satan masquerading as an angel of light
and shunned him.

Give us wisdom
to discern behind each subtle temptation
the ploy of the prince of darkness;
and in the face of all that is hellishly attractive,
help us to choose the will of God.

AMEN.

Prayer of our Savior

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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

* **HYMN OF PARTING** # 562. We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

* **BENEDICTION**

* **CHORAL RESPONSE**

Today we welcome Ron Moore as our guest preacher. Thank you, Ron!

WORSHIP RESOURCES USED TODAY:

- Cover Art— JESUS MAFA. Jesus is tempted - Matthew 4:1-11, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=48312>
- Call to worship & Prayer of the Day—Rev. Mindi Welton Mitchell — <http://rev-o-lution.org>
- Responsive Psalm—New Century Hymnal
- Lenten Prayer—*Stages on the Way: Worship Resources for Lent, Holy week, & Easter* Wild Goose Worship Group

Northern Michigan Brass Band Concert

Today! March 1st- 3:00pm

First Congregational Church, Charlevoix

-\$10.00 General Admission-
Students Admitted Free



Tickets available at the door and online at MyNorthTickets.com
www.northernmichiganbrassband.org

Abuse Prevention Working Group

The United Church of Christ recommends that every church have an Abuse Prevention policy. The Church Council voted at their January meeting to form a working group to help this church develop its policy. This group will be meeting regularly for the next couple of months educating itself, and preparing to engage the church in discussions in April. The hope is to have a policy to present to Church Council by the end of May, then hold a congregational meeting shortly thereafter.

The Working Group is co-chaired by Ron Moore and Interim Pastor Greg Briggs, Members: Anna Young, Ellen Hess, Julia Heddle, and Scott Beatty.

You can learn more at: https://www.ucc.org/abuse_prevention_resources. The Working group is following "The TIME IS NOW!" guide. You can also talk to any of the Working group members.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday 03/01	Mon 03/02	Tues. 03/03	Wed. 03/04	Thurs. 03/05	Fri. 03/06	Sat. 03/07	Sunday 03/08
Pastor Greg Away 10:30 am Sanctuary Worship 3:00pm Northern MI Brass Band Ron Moore: Guest Preacher	2:00PM Search Committee Meeting 5:45pm Abuse Prevention Working Group 6:00pm Baby Diaper Pantry & Personal Care Pantry	10:00 am Bible Study American House	6:30pm Holy Envy: Book Group	5:30pm Weight Watchers Meeting 5:30pm Lenten- Study & Dinner 7:00 pm Church Choir Practice		9:30am Jongleurs Recorder Rehearsal	9:00 am First Light Service 10:30 am Sanctuary Worship Communion Sunday Pastor Lead Labyrinth Walk

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 01, 2020

Gifts of Serving

THIS WEEK
MARCH 1ST

NEXT WEEK
MARCH 8TH

GREETERS/USHER:	Deb Smith & Emma Buday	Julia Heddle & Lois Lewis
COFFEE HOUR:	_____	Kathie Libert & Carolyn Klender
LAY READER:	Alice Pletz-Miller	Could be you!
Altar Flowers:	_____	Bill & Betty Wadland
Bulletin Sponsorship:	John & Ellen Hess	John & Ellen Hess

Praise and Prayer Request List

<p>Healing Diagnosed with Cancer</p>	<p>Nikki Kurchinski Rev. Ginny Titus Loretta Hasley (Julia Heddle) Jack Lehmkuhl Robert Rowe Ruby Hayward Tina Bowen</p>	<p>Michelle James Evelyn Schwartz (continued healing) Ann Chappelle Olsen (Alice P.M.) Donna Waters Jill Ostrum (Alice P.M.) Brody Roberts</p>
<p>Healing</p>	<p>Roland Garvin (Sara Smith) Jane Piccard Marilyn Knapp (Lani Ochs) Delores Cain Jesse Wilcox Rev. Leroy Sutfin Betsy Teeuwissen Anne Banfield Verna Truman Robin Messing</p>	<p>Caitlyn Cruzak (John Young) John McKown Judy Willey Aurora Sargent Brook Bixby (Gay Kiteley) Connie Doan (Chris Gengle) Chris Kenney (Betty Renton) John Peterman Amy Meyer (Alice P.M.)</p>
<p>Prayer</p>	<p>First Responders Immigrants and Refugees Faith Leaders and World Leaders</p>	<p>Victims of Natural Disasters Those living with Mental Illness Roger & Donna Waters Susan Denomy (Betty Wadland)</p>
<p>Prayer</p>	<p>U.C.C. Church of the Month</p>	<p>Ironton Congregational UCC- Charlevoix</p>
<p>Grieving</p>	<p>Family of Louis Heyward Family of Naomi Kruse</p>	<p>Family of Jerry Corley</p>
<p>Military</p>	<p>Nate Powell Joshua Wojan Wesley Moulden SFC Alex Weller</p>	<p>SGT Adam Soldan Captain David Knowles Jr. EMN3 Cary Tompkins</p>

Please be sure to sign any Care Letters in the vestibule outside the Sanctuary. This is a tangible way to share our care, concern, and love with those who could use it.

Worship Attendance February 23 First Light Service: 08 Sanctuary Service: 45
Bible Study, February 25: 08

