



Rivière, Briton, 1840-1920. Temptation in the Wilderness*

Tempted in the Wilderness

JANUARY 15, 2023

GATHERING, PRAISING, PRAYING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP**

After he was baptized by John,
Jesus was sent by the Spirit into the wilderness
where he was tempted by the devil.

**AFTER FORTY DAYS OF FASTING IN THE DESERT
JESUS WAS TEMPTED
TO BECOME RELEVANT, SPECTACULAR,
AND POWERFUL**

As we walk our own discipleship path with Jesus
through mountains, valleys, and deserts,
we too face weakness and temptation.

**TODAY LET US WORSHIP GOD,
RENEWING OUR COMMITMENT
TO FOLLOW JESUS,
SEEKING THE SPIRIT AS OUR GUIDE
AND COMPANION ALONG THE WAY.**

Passing the Peace & Fellowship Time

HYMN *O Worship Our God* VT 129

Lighting the Peace Lamp –

The Life & Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. ***

LISTENING

HYMN *Jesus, Tempted in the Desert* VT 307

Children's Time

Scripture Reading *Psalm 91:9-12; Matthew 4:1-17*

Sermon

RESPONDING

Music for Meditation

Generosity Moment – Care Portal

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

SENDING

HYMN *My Life Flows On* VT 605

Benediction

Postlude ... *remain seated to receive the postlude as a musical blessing.*

Coffee/tea/juice will be served during Fellowship time, and Sunday School for all ages follows at 11:00am.

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**Call to Worship adapted from a Call to Worship written by Chris Heckert.

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Your offerings are received, with gratitude, in the offering box on the table at the back of the sanctuary. You can also now donate electronically on our website!

Sound: Earl Ediger
Livestream: Jay Gehring
Nursery Attendants: TBD
Ushers: Dennis & Jennalee Boggs
Pianist: Shelley Kauffman
Song Leader: Jonathan Wenger
Worship Leader: Stephanie Gehring
Scripture Reader: Joel Iwashige
Children's Time: Susan Combs
Generosity Moment: Russ Gaeddert
Sermon: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

WELCOME!!

We are so glad you are here!

Fellowship time follows worship, with drinks served in the Common Grounds Room just off the foyer.

Sunday School classes for all ages begin at 11:00am.

Youth & Jr Youth meet upstairs.

Children meet in the basement.

Adult Bible Study using MennoMedia's Salt & Light study guide meets in the Prayer Room in the basement.

Adult Discussion/Study class meets in the fellowship hall and on Zoom.

"Younger Adults" meet in the Adult Ed room.

COMING UP...

Mon Jan 16 – 6:30 Family Night (for everyone)

Sun Jan 22 – Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday

Wed Jan 25 – 6:30pm CMT and all Coordination Teams meet

Sat Jan 28 – FMC serves in the Soup Ministry

Next Sunday (January 22) we will celebrate Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday along with other member churches of Mennonite World Conference. We will be collecting a "One Lunch" offering to support the ministry and work of Mennonite World Conference. The invitation is to donate what it would cost you to buy 'one lunch' here in our community.

Lee Lever, the Western District Consultant for our upcoming pastor-congregation review, will be preaching during worship on Sunday January 29. On that day he will also be training facilitators and recorders for the Appreciative Inquiry review process to be held on Sunday morning February 19. More details will be coming, but for now put Feb 19 on your calendar to be present for some worshipful work together as we evaluate where we are and share hopes and dreams for the future of this congregation.

If you would like to receive your 2022 giving report from FMC, please request one directly from Mike Dirks at 620-474-1224 or mikedirks@earthlink.net.



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