Praise Singers: "The Lion and the Lamb/All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Welcome

*God's Greeting

*Call to Worship: based on Psalm 25:1-10

One: We come, trusting in God's mercy and love,

longing to know and to learn more about God's ways.

All: We come, to be guided in the ways of God's truth—

to experience the joy of God's salvation.

One: We come, on our Lenten journey,

aware of God's steadfast love helping us to overcome

the trials and temptations which can descend on us at any time.

All: Lead us, O God, to do what is right in Your eyes

and teach us to follow the humble way of Christ, Your beloved Son, our crucified and risen Lord.

*Songs: "We Are People on a Journey"

1 We are people on a journey, following where the Master walks We are people on a journey in the shadow of the cross What compels? The face of Jesus; who protects? Our faithful guide He who treads the road of service—Christ the Lord the crucified

2 We are people on a journey, taking up the cross of Christ We are people on a journey, moving on from death to life We release the sin that tangled, we relinquish all acclaim We receive the suffering Savior; He our glory, wealth and fame Gregg DeMey
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"Spirit, Working in Creation"

1 Spirit, working in creation, bringing order out of strife, come among God's gathered people, giving harmony and life. Spirit, speaking through the prophets so the voice of God was heard, come, inspire, alert Your people to this day's prophetic word.

2 Spirit, coming from the Father as a dove upon our Lord, come upon Your chosen people; may Your blessings be outpoured. Spirit, driving to the desert even God's Anointed One, come to us in trial and testing that God's will in us be done.

3 Spirit, breathed on the disciples, giving peace where there was fear, come among us, touch us, send us, making Jesus' presence near.

Praise and glory, Holy Spirit, for Your love on us outpoured, giving honor to the Father and proclaiming Jesus "Lord."

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Call to Confession: from 1 John 1

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness: 1 John 1:7 (Worship Team)

One: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,

and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.

People of God, in Christ, we have been forgiven, purified and renewed!

All: Thanks be to God!

*Song: "Speak, O Lord"

1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy word Take Your truth, plant it deep in us Shape and fashion us in Your likeness that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory

2 Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

3 Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built
and the earth is filled with Your glory
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Children's Message

Offering

Offertory: "Desert Song"

Time for Prayer

Bible Reading: Mark 1:1-13

Sermon: "Pushed into the Wild"

Prayer

*Song: "For Your Gift of God the Spirit"

1 For Your gift of God the Spirit, power to make our lives anew, pledge of life and hope of glory, Savior, we would worship You. Crowning gift of resurrection sent from Your ascended throne, fullness of the very Godhead, come to make Your life our own.

2 He who in creation's dawning brooded on the lifeless deep, still across our nature's darkness moves to wake our souls from sleep, moves to stir, to draw, to quicken, thrusts us through with sense of sin; brings to birth and seals and fills us--saving Advocate within.

4 He, the mighty God, indwells us; His to strengthen, help, empower, His to overcome the tempter, ours to call in danger's hour. In His strength we dare to battle all the raging hosts of sin, and by Him alone we conquer foes without and foes within.

5 Father, grant Your Holy Spirit in our hearts may rule today, grieved not, quenched not, but unhindered, work in us His sovereign way. Fill us with Your holy fullness, God the Father, Spirit, Son; in us, through us, then, forever, shall Your perfect will be done. Edith Margaret Clarkson, Darwin Jordan © Hope Publishing CCLI License #288395

*God's Blessing