

The Worship of God
Sunday, March 01, 2020

The First Sunday of Lent – The Wilderness Way Leads to Easter

In C.S. Lewis' The Screwtape Letters, the Senior Tempter advises his Junior, Wormwood, on how to sabotage the Christian, which he calls the "enemy." He says, "It is funny how mortals always picture us as putting things into their minds..." to trip them up. He goes on to say, "...in reality our best work is done by keeping things out." How devious and seductive. What are the promises of power, peace, and protection the evil one has been keeping out of your minds? I Peter 5:8 warns us "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." Be vigilant. Sometimes the devil comes not as a roaring lion, slimy snake, or with horns, but masquerades as an innocent purring house-cat.

Prelude	<i>Higher Ground</i>	Celebration Orchestra
Faces & Places of First Baptist Church		
Welcome		C. V. Blake
Time of Greeting	<i>This is Amazing Grace</i>	
Lighting of the Christ Candle		C. V. Blake
Congregational Call to Worship		
	<i>How Can I Keep from Singing Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	CH 3
Morning Prayer		C. V. Blake
Songs of Our Worship <i>One Thing Remains Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)</i>		
God's Eternal Word for Us Today <i>Matthew 4:1-11</i>		Patti Walker
<i>Read: This is the Word of God for the people of God. Congregation: Thanks be to God.</i>		
Offertory Prayer		Richard Walker
Message in Song	<i>O Love</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Message from God's Word	<i>Identity Theft - The Wilderness Test</i>	Phil Christopher
Invitation	<i>Come Just As You Are</i>	CH 481
Continuing Acts of Worship		Mike Greenfield
Recognition of Decisions		C. V. Blake
Benediction	<i>This is Amazing Grace</i>	
Postlude	<i>Higher Ground</i>	Celebration Orchestra
<i>Instrumentalist: Beverly Warren, piano</i>		