Participants:

Message: Chong

Prayer: Chong

Singer/Liturgists: Judi, Luke

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**KINGDOM/*Culture:* FACING TEMPTATIONS**

**WE BEGIN OUR WORSHIP**

***Please rise in body or in spirit...***

**Welcome (**Mark)

**God Greets Us**

**All: Amen**

**Call to Worship**

(Mark)

Sing praises to our Lord:

who heals us and makes us whole.

Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God:

whose joy rises in our lives each and every day.

Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God; give thanks to God's holy name:

God's Kingdom is near to us; God's peace resides in our hearts.

**Song: Ten Thousand Reasons, LU 559: 1, 2, 3**

**Chorus:**

**Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul**

**Worship His holy name**

**Sing like never before O my soul**

**I'll worship Your holy name**

**The sun comes up it's a new day dawning**

**It's time to sing Your song again**

**Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me**

**Let me be singing when the evening comes**

**Chorus:**

**Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul**

**Worship His holy name**

**Sing like never before O my soul**

**I'll worship Your holy name**

**You're rich in love and You're slow to anger**

**Your name is great and Your heart is kind**

**For all Your goodness I will keep on singing**

**Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find**

**Chorus:**

**Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul**

**Worship His holy name**

**Sing like never before O my soul**

**I'll worship Your holy name**

**And on that day when my strength is failing**

**The end draws near and my time has come**

**Still my soul will sing Your praise unending**

**Ten thousand years and then forevermore**

**Chorus:**

**Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul**

**Worship His holy name**

**Sing like never before O my soul**

**I'll worship Your holy name**

**Worship your holy name**

**Worship your holy name**

**Opening Prayer Litany** (led by Luke)

***(inspired by the Lord’s Prayer—adapted from a prayer by Chuck Fromm and Jeremy Armstrong*)**

One: As we focus today for the last time on the Lord’s Prayer, let us ask the Lord in the following prayer litany to once again teach us how to pray...

**All: ...So we might declare your glory as we gather together,**

**Lord, teach us to pray.**

One: So we might awaken to the wonder of your presence

So we might feel gratitude for your gift of life today

So we might discover your kingdom

as revealed in our sisters and brothers

So we might find safety beneath the shelter of your wings

**All: So we might declare your glory as we gather together:**

**Lord, teach us to pray**

One: So the truth of your Word resonates in what we say and sing

So we might prepare a way through the wilderness of chaos and pain

So our eyes are alert and our souls awake to your movement in our midst

So our good work is fruitful in the reign of your kingdom

**All: So we might declare your glory as we gather together:**

**Lord, teach us to pray**

One: So our voices bring a pleasing sound to your ear

So the notes of our instruments rise sweetly to your throne

So our singing is a light in the darkness, drawing nations to your grace

So our songs vibrate with the voice of the Lamb who was slain**.**

**All: So we might declare your glory as we gather together:**

**Lord, we pray as Jesus has taught us:**

**Song: Our Father, LU 914**

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread,

and forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil,

for the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours

now and forever. Amen.

Forever. Amen.

***Please be seated...***

**WE CONFESS OUR WEAKNESSES AND HEAR GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

**Prayer of Confession**

(Judi) *Let us confess our weaknesses as we pray:*

One: God did not say,

“You shall not be tempted;

you shall not be troubled; you shall not be distressed.”

God did say, “You shall not be overcome.”

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, was led into the wilderness,

where he was put on a time of trial.

Sheltering God, Guiding God,

as you were present with Jesus in his wilderness experience,

so you are present with us:

you have urged us to trust you:

“Love me and call upon me, and I will answer you,

I will be with you in trouble, and will honor you.”

We have felt discouraged,

and at times even abandoned and betrayed by you, O God,

when all manner of things have not gone well with us**.**

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

(Luke)

One: Instead of following where you lead, O God,

at times we follow a tempter who shows us a vision of the world

that is a mere counterfeit of what you desire for us.

At times, O God, we are deceived and enticed

by imitations of love, abundance, and joy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

(Judi)

One: O God, when you have not answered in the ways or in the time we desire,

we have been tempted to lean on our own understanding

and not acknowledge you in all ways.

We so often have sought to control our lives and order our own steps,

often ignoring your wisdom and pushing your guidance aside.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

**A Time of Silence (***Luke, wait about 10-15 seconds before reading the following)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

(Luke) *Hear this assurance of pardon:*

One: Sisters and brothers, God is at work in us and with us!

His love enwraps us, holds us, and all encloses us.

We are protected safely in love—at all times—by the goodness of God.

 God urges us, “Keep the word near you, even on your lips and in your heart…

This word is your salvation.”

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***Please rise in body or in spirit…***

 **WE SHOW OUR THANKFULNESS THROUGH SONG, PRAYER AND OFFERING**

**Song: Thy Word, SNC 86: 1, 2**

**Chorus:**

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet**

**And a light unto my path**

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet**

**And a light unto my path**

**When I feel afraid**

**And I think I've lost my way**

**Still You're there right beside me**

**Nothing will I fear**

**As long as You are near**

**Please be near me to the end**

**Chorus:**

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet**

**And a light unto my path**

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet**

**And a light unto my path**

**I will not forget**

**Your love for me and yet**

**My heart forever is wandering**

**Jesus be my guide**

**And hold me to Your side**

**I will love You to the end**

**Chorus:**

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet**

**And a light unto my path**

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet**

**And a light unto my path**

***Please be seated...***

**Prayers of the People *(****Chong—after your prayer, please also announce the offerings as follows—or in your own words! This can be an audio recording as we will be showing slides related to the offering as you announce them)*

*Our offering this week is for Denominational Shares—the Safe Church Ministry. The offering next week is for Ernestine’s Shelter. These offerings will be given on-line as before, along with the offering for our own church ministry. However, if you brought it to the service, there is a plate at the door where you can deposit it.)*

**Offerings**

**WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD**

**Scripture: Matthew passages**

**Matthew 4:1-11**

**The Temptation of Jesus**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “*If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.”* But he answered, *“It is written,*

*‘One does not live by bread alone,*

 *but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”*

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, *“If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,*

*‘He will command his angels concerning you,’*

 *and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,*

*so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”*

Jesus said to him, *“Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”*

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, *“All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.”*  Jesus said to him, *“Away with you, Satan! for it is written,*

*‘Worship the Lord your God,*

 *and serve only him.’”*

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

**Matthew 6:13**

 And do not bring us to the time of trial,

 but rescue us from the evil one.

**Message: Facing Temptations**

**Prayer**

***Please rise in body or in spirit...***

**Song of Response: Jesus, Be the Centre**

Jesus be the Centre

Be my Source be my Light

Jesus

Jesus be the centre

Be my hope be my song

Jesus

Chorus:

Be the fire in my heart

Be the wind in these sails

Be the reason that I live

Jesus Jesus

Jesus be my vision

Be my path be my guide

Jesus

Chorus:

Be the fire in my heart

Be the wind in these sails

Be the reason that I live

Jesus Jesus

Jesus be the Centre

Be my Source be my Light

Jesus

Jesus be the Centre

Be my Source be my Light

Jesus

**OUR WORSHIP ENDS**

**...with a song of blessing and praise: Benediction**

(Judi) *And now as we end this worship service, let us sing this song of benediction and praise to God for his blessing*

**May the peace of God our heav'nly Father**

**And the grace of Christ the risen Son**

**And the fellowship of God the Spirit**

**Keep our hearts and minds within His love**

**Chorus:**

**And to Him be praise for His glorious reign**

**From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n**

**We declare the name of the Lamb once slain**

**Christ eternal the King of kings**

**May this peace which passes understanding**

**And this grace which makes us what we are**

**And this fellowship of His communion**

**Make us one in spirit and in heart**

**Chorus:**

**And to Him be praise for His glorious reign**

**From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n**

**We declare the name of the Lamb once slain**

**Christ eternal the King of kings**

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