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Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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**Prelude**                                      **Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days**                                      Yuyoung Jeong, piano  
Days Psalter

**Gathering Song**                                      **As We Gather**                                      **Congregation**  
by Coomes & Fay

As we gather may your Spirit work within us  
As we gather may we glorify your name  
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship  
We'll be blessed because we came  
(Repeat)

**Welcome**                                      [iucc.org/visitor](http://iucc.org/visitor)                                      **Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano**

**Prayer Shawl Dedication**

**Gong**

**Introit**                                      **Bring Many Names**                                      **Chancel Choir**  
by Carlton Young

**Call to Worship**                                      **Cesar Sangalang**

One: We come trusting this is where we're meant to be.  
**Many: We begin the journey once more.**  
One: We come eager for a fresh start.  
**Many: We begin with open minds and willing hearts.**  
One: We come to be guided along the way.  
**Many: We begin with hope and confidence. Faith will lead us on.**  
One: We come to experience joy, but we know there will be burdens to bear.  
**Many: We begin with knowledge of the end. We begin anyway.**  
  
**All: We come for the journey. We begin together.**

**Hymn**

***A Wilderness Wandering People***

Jim Strathdee (Chalice Praise #127)

**Congregation**

We are a wilderness wandering people on a journey of the soul.  
May we find our destination in our longing to be whole.  
Our Holy God is calling to us. With Jesus by our side,  
may compassion be our compass; may the Spirit be our guide.

May we cherish all our children; let us heal our family's pain.  
Help us cure our city's madness; let love and justice reign.  
Reconciled with one another, in prayer and praise and song,  
we're the body of Christ together, and we know that we belong.  
We belong, we belong, we belong.

**A Fresh Word**

**Anthem**

***I Am Going to a Garden***

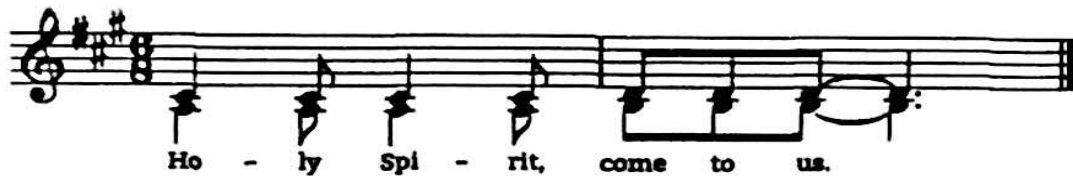
By Joseph M. Martin

**Chancel Choir**

**Taize**

**Congregation**

**Reflective Singing "Holy Spirit Come to Us"**  
J. Berthler



**Prayers of the Church**

**Jerri Davenport MDiv**

(concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

Our Creator (Father, Mother, or other name as you are comfortable),  
which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**Offertory**

**Cesar Sangalang**

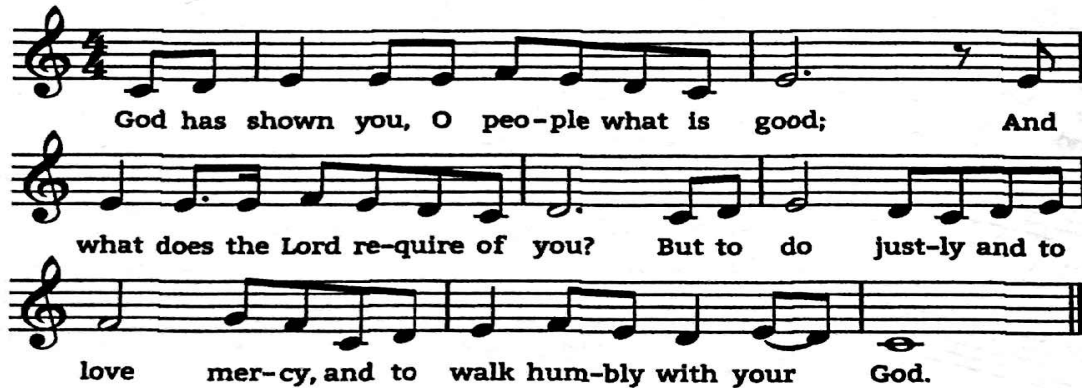
**Offertory Duet**

***The Prayer***

By Carole Bayer Sager and David Foster

**Thalia Moore & Lester Ricks**

**Song of Thanksgiving • "Micah 6:8"**



**Prayer of Dedication**

**Cesar Sangalng**

**Scripture**

***Luke 4:1-13***

**Cesar Sangalng**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

**Sermon**

**Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano**

**Benediction**

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**Response**

***Alleluia***

**Congregation**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
(Repeat)

**Postlude**

***Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley***

**Yuyoung Jeong, piano**

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