

I establish my covenant  
with you. **Genesis 9:11**

Lead me in your truth and  
teach me. **Psalms 25:5**

He was put to death in the  
flesh but made alive in the  
spirit. **1 Peter 3:18**

He was in the wilderness  
forty days. **Mark 1:13**

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**To Our Guests**

We are glad you are with  
us. Please sign the guest  
book by the front door and  
fill in a visitor's card from  
the pew pocket. After the  
service enjoy a cup of fair  
trade coffee with friends in  
the Fellowship Hall.

**THE FONT OF IDENTITY**

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**+Introit 450, v. 1**

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

**Proclamation**

In life and death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

**Call to Testing and Tending**

**\*+Hymn 166**

“Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days”

**Prayer for Times of Testing**

Everyday there is a witnessing of miracles.  
And everyday someone unbelieving,  
Chooses to complain about their aches and pains  
In a celebration with invited guests.  
And those who seem the happiest  
Are those everyday being tested,  
Expressing how their lives are gratefully blessed  
With faith and prayer done everyday to attest and reflect.

**+Response 450, v. 2**

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

**Declaration of Grace and Gratitude**

**\*+Response 450, v. 3**

*Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise;  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.*

**Blessing the World**

Myanmar, Thailand

**+Response (2x)**

*I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart;  
down in my heart; down in my heart.  
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart;  
down in my heart to stay!*

**First Pew**

**+Response (2x)**

*I've got the love, love, love, love down in my heart;  
down in my heart; down in my heart!  
I've got the love, love, love love, down in my heart;  
down in my heart to stay!*

**Welcome and Parish Life**

**THE WORD OF HOPE**

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**Reading**

**Interlude**

**Lesson**

Mark 1:12

**Sermon**

“Tested and Tended”

**\*Hymn 783**

“When We Are Tested”

**THE BREAD OF LIFE**

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**Prayer for Others**

**Offering Our Gifts**

**Offertory**

“Give Me”

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**\*Credo**

*With believers in every time and place  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus, our Lord*

**\*+Sending 450, v. 4**

*High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

**\*Postlude**

I discovered you never  
know yourself until  
you're tested and that you  
don't even know you're  
being tested until after-  
wards, and that in fact  
there isn't anyone giving  
the test except yourself.

**Marilyn French**

*\*Please rise in body and spirit.*

**Prayer for Times of Testing**

Lawrence S. Pertillar

**Lesson Translation**

New Revised  
Standard Version

**Prayer for Others**

Kwame Dawes

**Flowers**

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Season of Lent  
First Sunday

February 18, 2024  
11:00 a.m.

## Sunday, February 18

*Genesis 9:8–17 Psalm 25:1–10 1 Peter 3:18–22 Mark 1:9–15*

8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship – Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Social Justice – Exploring SPC’s Roots – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!  
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1

1:00 p.m. Youth Group Gathering for Lunch and a show

## Monday, February 19

7:00 p.m. Teach the Preacher via Zoom

## Tuesday, February 20

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

## Saturday, February 24

1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads Group – Fellowship Hall

## Sunday, February 25

*Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16 Psalm 22:23–31 Romans 4:13–25 Mark 8:31–38*

8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship – Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Social Justice – Exploring SPC’s Roots – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!  
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1

## Wild Places

A voice crying out in the wilderness.  
The call of the Spirit does not come  
In the quiet spaces of comfort.

It beckons us from the wild places:  
That interior wilderness  
Just outside the walls of polite society

The dark woods where we are afraid  
We may meet the stranger.  
It is the risky land of encounter.

The invitation of the Spirit is  
To go out by going in.  
To question what we know.  
To encounter what we fear.

We are purified not with drops of water  
But with beads of sweat.

Steve Charleston

**MUSIC IN WORSHIP:** The Introit, Response to Prayer for Testing and Tending, Response to Declaration, and Sending is from a 20th Century English poetic version of 10th Century Irish monastic prayer. The Opening Hymn is based on a 6th Century text set to a 16th Century German chorale melody. The Introduction and Response to the First Pew is from the early 20th Century Revival Movement. The late 20th Century Sermon Hymn assumes temptation is integral to the spiritual life.

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