

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

*If You but trust in God to guide you, with hopeful heart through all your ways,
You will find strength, with God beside you, To bear the worst of evil days;
For those who trust God's changeless love Build on the rock that will not move.*

*What gain is there in futile weeping, In helpless anger and distress?
If you are in God's care and keeping, In sorrow will God love you less?
For Christ who took for you a cross Will bring you safe through every loss.*

*Be still, be still, and wait God's pleasure In cheerful hope, with heart content,
Trusting that grace which knows no measure will by unbounded Love be sent;
Nor doubt our inmost wants are clear To One who holds us always near.*

*Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving: offer your service faithfully,
and trust God's word, though undeserving, there find the truth to set you free;
God will not fail to guide and bless those who embrace God's faithfulness.*

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MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



March 9, 2025
The First Sunday in Lent

"And Jesus was led by the Spirit in the wilderness." Luke 4: 1

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE "Steal Away to Jesus" arr. by Robert Powell Dave Howland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Chris Richards

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Minister: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Minister: Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

CHORAL INTROIT

*Stand in body or spirit

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Frank Maynard

Leader: Come people of God, to praise the infinite Love and the heart of all Life, Christ Jesus our Lord!

People: **Opening ourselves to the Spirit, we live in trust and in hope and praise God for this day!**

Leader: Lord God, Your presence unites us, for You seek to save and make whole not only for ourselves but for the world!

People: **We are invited during this season of lengthening days to walk with the Spirit. May we be renewed in our calling to follow and discover yet again how Jesus reveals God's grace and mercy!**

GATHERING HYMN "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" #173

***UNISON INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER** Frank Maynard

Creator Lord, we pause now that our souls may be refreshed. We wait upon your Spirit to enfold around us, and to lead us, securing our steps, both in our coming and in our going. In the name of the One who calls us to grow ever more inward and outward, we pray as one together:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "Lead Me, Lord" #402

SUNDAY SCHOOL MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16 | Page #548 OT Frank Maynard

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" by David Cherwien Sanctuary Choir
(Lyrics on back page)

A TIME OF SILENCE & PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Chris Richards

CHORAL AMEN

OFFERTORY "I Surrender All" #369

***DOXOLOGY** (sing in unison) #563

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavn'ly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING Luke 4: 1-13 | Page #61 NT Rev. Chris Richards

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

MESSAGE "A Good Long Walk" Rev. Chris Richards

***SENDING HYMN** "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" #433

BENEDICTION Rev. Chris Richards

POSTLUDE "Oh Love, How Deep" arr. by Michael Helman Dave Howland

MUSICIANS: Dave Howland, Sanctuary Choir and Danny Reeves
TECHNICIAN: Scott Hockett | **GREETER:** Dave Milligan | **LITURGIST:** Frank Maynard