

# Sunday February 26, 2023

## Lent One: Shaped by Testing

Prelude

### We Gather

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing together! Celebrate God!

**People: God protects us from all our trouble.**

Leader: God forgives us and covers our sins.

**People: God surrounds us with songs of deliverance.**

*AL: Therefore, let all God's people pray with thanksgiving and worship God.*

Opening Prayer

Opening Song: God of our Strength VT #47

### We Confess

Leader: Lord, our desire for control has separated us from you.

In our stubborn independence, we have turned from your love.

We hide our failure and guilt, yet we feel their weight both day and night.

Here and now, we acknowledge our sins before you and reveal our transgressions.

We confess to the Lord....

*(silent prayer)*

Leader: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven.

Our slate is wipe clean.

We are free to follow Jesus in obedience.

And experience love in every test. Amen

### We Hear God's Word

Old Testament Scripture: Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7

Song: Jesus, Tempted in the Desert STS #36

New Testament Scripture: Matthew 4: 1-11

Lenten Meditation: *Shaped By Testing*

Pastor Kara

### We Respond

Song of Response: O God, How We Have Wandered STS #58

Offering our Gifts

*February Giving Project: House of Friendship Emergency Food Hamper*

Prayers of the People

### We are Sent

Sending Song: Lead me, guide me VT #601

Benediction