

Minister: From cowardice that dares not face truth;
laziness content with half-truth;
or arrogance that thinks we know it all,

People: **O God, deliver us.**

Minister: From artificial life and worship;
from all that is hollow or insincere,

People: **O God, deliver us.**

Minister: From trite ideals and cheap pleasures;
from mistaking hard vulgarity for humor,

People: **O God, deliver us.**

Minister: From being dull, pompous, or rude;
from putting down our neighbors,

People: **O God, deliver us.**

Minister: From cynicism about others;
from intolerance or cruel indifference,

People: **O God, deliver us.**

Minister: From being satisfied with things as they are,
in the church or in the world;
from failing to share your indignation about injustice,

People: **O God, deliver us.**

Minister: From selfishness, self-indulgence, or self-pity,

People: **O God, deliver us.**

Minister: From token concern for the poor,
for lonely or loveless people;
from confusing faith with good feeling,
or love with wanting to be loved,

People: **O God, deliver us.**

Minister: From everything in us that may hide your light,

People: **O God, light of life, forgive us. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PSALTER

Psalm 25:1–10 (*responsively*)

(page 475, O.T.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

**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.**

PRAYER RESPONSE "Amen"

Dale Wood

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Forty Days" from *The Light in the Wilderness*

Dave Brubeck

Forty days alone in the desert. Days and nights of constant prayer, in the desert. Seeking in the wailing wind an answer to despair, forty days of questioning, why was he there, in the lonely desert. Forty days of fasting and prayer, in the desert. Searching for his destined role, in the desert. Thirsting after righteousness and nourishing his soul, seeking inward miracles to reach his goal, in the lonely desert. After forty days in the desert he and God became as one. Jesus found within himself the Father's will is done. He must prove to doubting man, he is the Son of God, in the lonely desert.

***PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND RESPONSE**

For the life that you have giv- en, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we of - fer, Lord, our prai-s-es; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

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***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All: **Almighty God,**

**your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness
and was tempted as we are but did not sin.**

**Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience
to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness,
we may know your power to save.**

**Bless our renewed commitment to you
and accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.**

In the name of our Savior, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN 339**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Tune: SLANE

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Michael McCabe

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9:30 a.m. Joyce Shin, Calum I. MacLeod, Judith L. Watt

11:00 a.m. Hardy H. Kim, Calum I. MacLeod, Judith L. Watt

THE MUSIC TODAY

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John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director

Katy Sinclair, Director of Music for Children and Youth

Hsing-Huei Huang, Children's and Youth Choir Accompanist

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Minute for Discipleship is presented by Anne Voshel on behalf of the effort to rebuild the Fourth Church organ.

Walter Brueggemann will preach next Sunday, March 4 at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Professor Emeritus of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia (a seminary of the Presbyterian Church USA), Dr. Brueggemann is a noted scholar and prolific author of more than fifty-eight books, including *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth*; *The Prophetic Imagination*; and the award-winning *Theology of the Old Testament*, which has become a foundational and classic work in the field. Dr. Brueggemann, who is also an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, is widely sought after as preacher, teacher, and lecturer, and we are delighted to welcome him back to the Fourth Church pulpit. We hope you will join us for this special worship opportunity!

The bulletin cover photo, taken during a heavy snowfall, shows a coiled vine hanging from a tree on the Michigan Avenue side of the cloisters.

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