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So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Matthew 4:1-11

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Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ^{and} he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

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Worship Service for Sunday, March 9, 2014

Lent 1

Encountering God: What have we witnessed . . . in temptations?

Focus statement: We encounter God in times of temptation. We acknowledge our frailty and the ways we have closed our eyes to God. We witness Jesus resisting temptation, and we open ourselves to God's redemption and provision of strength.

Encountering

Welcome

Call to worship

Opening prayer

Congregational singing

HWB 41 Come, thou Almighty King

HWB 493 I heard the voice of Jesus say

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Old Testament reading

Confession and assurance

Congregational sharing

Prayer of God's people

Witnessing

Gospel reading

Matthew 4:1-11

Congregational singing

HWB 506 I sought the Lord

STS 80 Jesus walked this lonesome valley

Sermon "Two stories"

John Schlamp

Offering

Gesell family

Reflections on theme

Announcements

Closing song

HWB 585 In your sickness

Sending

Worship leader: Rudy Niebuhr

Song leader: Kate Niebuhr

Accompanists: Sol Janzen/Deb Schiedel Lapp

HWB – blue "Hymnal", STJ – green "Sing the Journey", STS – purple "Sing the Story"

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Aberdeen Food Bank** - meets next on March 22 and April 5
- **July 4-6, 2014** - EMC Convention in Winnipeg



Birthdays This Week: Sharon Penner Mar. 4
erb Heppner Mar. 4

LENT AND EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES:

- March 9 Lent 1
- March 16 Lent 2
- March 23 Lent 3 Communion and Foot Washing at 6:30 p.m.
- March 30 Lent 4
- April 6 Lent 5
- April 13 Palm Sunday
- April 17 Maundy Thursday Supper at 6:00 p.m.
- April 18 Good Friday Service
- April 20 Easter Sunday Breakfast at 9:30
Aberdeen Worship at 11:00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Sunnie is away** this weekend and will be back in the office on Tuesday.
- **Adult Sunday School, Today and March 16** - Peter Penner continues to lead us through the book *The Greatest Prayer: Rediscovering the Revolutionary Message of the Lord's Prayer* by John Crossan. Please read chapters 7 and 8 and the epilogue for next week.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- **Pray for Ukraine and Russia** - Pray for peace in this time of uncertainty and unrest, for wisdom from leaders and resolution of conflict without violence.
- **Pray for MWC churches in Indonesia** dealing with the effects of the February 14 volcano eruption. One church is a temporary shelter for victims and it is difficult to reach people because on some roads the ash is 15 cm high.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION:

- **CMU Vespers, March 16, 7:30 p.m. in the Laudamus Auditorium.**
- **Mennonite Heritage Gallery, March 20, 7 p.m.** Opening of "Perceptions: coming together through art." In this show, Manju Lodha, Hindu artist, and Isam AbVud, Muslim artist, share their wonderfully vibrant perceptions of life.



Coffee for next week March 16 Henry and Darlene
Upcoming Coffee for March 23

Confessing our sin

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to know all the secrets of the universe and of ourselves.

Right: The serpent says,
“There is nothing that will be unknown to you.”

Left: Think of all the good we could do for the world!

All: We fail to see the dark shadow.
We do not recognize that our desire for
abundance, power, and knowledge
is a desire for ourselves, not for others.
We are without understanding.
Lord, hear our prayer. [Silence]

Claiming our assurance

Leader: The Lord is our hiding place;
God preserves us from trouble
and surround us with glad cries of deliverance.

All: Steadfast love surrounds us;
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