

THE CHAPEL of CYPRESS COVE

Nineth Sunday In Epiphany/Christmastide
February 27, 2022
Roy St Onge, Music Director – Jim Wert, Pianist – Bill Dawson, Organist

THE PRELUDE “Morning Has Broken”
Bill Dawson, Organ

THE PROCESSIONAL “Alleluia, Alleluia”
No 162

THE WELCOME, GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, RESPONSE,
PRESENTATION
*“Surely The Presence Of The Lord Is In This Place. I Can Feel His Mighty Power
And His Grace. I Can Hear The Brush Of Angel’s Wings. I See Glory On Each Face.
Surely The Presence Of The Lord Is In This Place.”*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION
Pastor: Please Lord, give us all the wisdom and strength to walk away when
we are tempted,
EVERYONE: AND THE CLARITY OF VISION TO SEE THE WAY OUT
THAT YOU WILL PROVIDE. THANK YOU, LORD, THAT YOU ARE A
FAITHFUL DELIVERER AND THAT I CAN COUNT ON YOUR HELP IN
MY TIME OF NEED. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE FOR ME
THROUGH ANY TRIALS AND TEMPTATIONS.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE “Are Ye Able”
No 530

THE CONFESSION OF OUR SINFUL ACTIONS (Unison)

FATHER, I KNOW THAT YOU WANT ME TO RESIST TEMPTATION. I
KNOW YOU WILL NOT ALLOW ANY TEMPTATION TO BEFALL ME
WHICH IS BEYOND MY STRENGTH TO RESIST BECAUSE I BELIEVE
IN YOU. I REALIZE I HAVE THE FREEDOM TO CHOOSE NOT TO SIN,
AND YOU HAVE GIVEN ME YOUR HOLY SPIRIT TO STAND FIRM
AGAINST TEMPTATION. WHEN I AM TEMPTED TO SIN, HELP ME
INSTEAD TO FOCUS ON YOU TO FILL ME AGAIN WITH YOUR

SPIRIT AND MAKE ME TURN AWAY FROM SIN. FATHER GOD, YOU
HAVE BOUGHT MY LIFE WITH THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF YOUR
SON AND IN HIS NAME, I PRAY. AMEN.

THE CHORAL ANTHEM “He Touched Me”
Chancel Choir

THE OFFERING, OFFERTORY, DOXOLOGY “Ave Maria” Bill
Dawson, Organ
*PLEASE PLACE YOUR OFFERINGS IN THE PLATES AT THE CHURCH
ENTRANCE!*

*"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow; Praise Him, All Creatures Here
Below; Praise Him Above, Ye Heavenly Host Praise Father, Son, And Holy Ghost.
Amen"*

THE PRAYERS Concerns Pastoral Prayer Lord’s Prayer
Response No 471

THE HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION “In The Garden”
No 314

THE SCRIPTURE REFERENCE Luke 4:1-2

THE SERMON MESSAGE: “It Is Tempting...!” Rev.
Ted Althouse

THE PASTORAL BENEDICTION AND LAITY RESPONSE (Sung in
Unison)

*“Bless Be The Tie That Binds Our Hearts In Christian Love:
The Fellowship Of Kindred Minds, Is Like To That Above.”*

THE POSTLUDE “Lo, He Comes With Clouds Ascending”
Bill Dawson, Organ



NEXT SUNDAY: March 06, 2022 (1st
Sunday in Lent)
SERMON TEXT: Come *Dine With Me!*
SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: John 6:24-29,
32-40

The Altar Floral Arrangement Is Presented By Lois Irvine In Memory Of Samuel (Buzzy) Irvine.

"Every moment of resistance to temptation is a victory." - Frederick W. Faber

"Every time you defeat a temptation, you become more like Jesus!" - Rick Warren

"As the most dangerous winds may enter at little openings, so the devil never enters more dangerously than by little unobserved incidents, which seem to be nothing, yet insensibly open the heart to great temptations." - John Wesley

"Temptation is the devil looking through the keyhole. Yielding is opening the door and inviting him in." - Billy Sunday



Edwin Basler, Ed Baden, Rev. Donald Benard, Carol Cessna, Claudia Hackler-Compton, Jim & Pat Daniels, Cal Eells, Richard and Rosemary Ericson, Penny Filiatrault, Cindy Fiska, Lea Garrett, Bess Gross, Frank Haskell, Rhonda Holtzclaw & family, Cyndi Koski, Glenda Lemay, Karrie Lyn, Jack McCarthy, Helen McDermott, Margie Mitchell, Kit Olen, Bob Osborne, Larry & Pat Rhoda, Dot Streck, Richard Striffler, Aline Wolf, Jan Ziegler and all other individuals who need God's healing touch.
Pray For Those Who Are Suffering In The War-Torn Ukraine.



Our Lord Jesus Taught His Disciples To Ask God: 'Do Not Lead Us Into Temptation, But Deliver Us From Evil'.

(Matthew 6:13)

If you ask God to help you avoid temptation, then you should also be vigilant to stay away from tempting situations. The Biblical meaning of temptation is 'a trial in which man has a free choice of being faithful or unfaithful to God'. Satan even encouraged Jesus to deviate from the plan of

his Heavenly Father by misusing his authority and privileges. However, Jesus used God's Holy Spirit and Scripture to resist all such temptation.

A Few Scriptures To Help Resist & Overcome Temptations!

- 1 Corinthians 10:13. No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind.
- Matthew 6:13. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. ...
- Matthew 26:41
- James 1:13-15
- Luke 4:2
- Hebrews 4:15
- Galatians 6:1
- Galatians 5:16-17

So, we have many scriptures to help us with temptation but how do we stay away from temptation? First, pray for strength. To withstand temptation, we first need the strength, will and the sincere desire to choose what is right and wrong. We also need to support each other during temptation issues. We need to listen to the direction of the Holy Spirit through prayer. We need to make the conscious decision to do what is right and follow through with our decision.

So, how do we fight temptations? First, don't change yourself...change the situation. Find people/friends or environments that will enhance your own self-control of your temptation. Change the tempting situation or environment by doing something else...something positive. Refocus your attention on Christ-centered activities (prayer, scripture reading, church) and use your willpower to make changes. God knows who you are and what you are going through in every step of your life and he is there to help us change course when any temptation creeps into our life.

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