

**Cross Roads UMC Worship Guide**

**March 6, 2022 @ 10 AM**

**1st Sunday in Lent**

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**Gathering Music: Holy Spirit**

**Welcome**

**A Song of Praise: *Surrounded [Fight My Battles]***

***Chorus: This is how I fight my battles***

***This is how I fight my battles***

***This is how I fight my battles***

***This is how I fight my battles***

It may look like I'm surrounded

But I'm surrounded by You

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But I'm surrounded by You

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[Repeat Whole Song then Repeat Chorus]

**Call to Worship:**

L: When Jesus was in the wilderness, He was tempted to save Himself.

**P: We often look for the good things for ourselves first, before the well-being of others.**

L: Jesus was offered salvation if he turned stones to bread; if he accepted wealth and power; if he tested God's commitment to him.

**P: In all these things, Jesus remained strong in his commitment to God.**

L: May our commitment be as strong.

**P: May our lives be placed in God's caring hands throughout our journey. Amen.**

**Opening Prayer (in unison):**

**Lord, the temptations of the world loom large before us. We are enticed, cajoled, and "sweet-talked" into moving from lives of service to lives of self-centeredness. We need your healing love. As you resisted the temptations in the wilderness, help us to place our trust in you, that we may be strong in our faith and confident in our service to you through serving others. Amen.**

**A Time for Children**

**A Song of Centering: *Power in the Blood***

Would you be free from your burden of sin  
There's power in the blood, power in the blood

Would you o'er evil a victory win  
There's wonderful power in the blood

***Chorus: There is power, power  
wonder working power  
in the blood of the lamb  
There is power, power  
wonder working power  
in the precious blood of lamb***

Would you be free from your passion and pride?  
There's power in the blood, power in the blood  
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide  
There's wonderful power in the blood [Chorus]

Would you be whiter much wither than snow  
There's power in the blood, power in the blood  
Sin's stains are lost and it's life giving flow  
There's one flicker power in the blood [Chorus]

Would you do service for Jesus your king  
There's power in the blood, power in the blood  
Would you lift David his praises to sing  
There's wonderful power in the blood [Chorus]

**Prayers of the People**

**A Time of Giving with Doxology**

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.

**A Song of Preparation: *Spirit of the Living God***

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Spirit of the living God,

Fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God,

Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God,

Fall afresh on me.

[Repeat Whole Song 2 times]

**Scripture: Luke 4:1-13 [NRSV]**

**4** Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of

bread.”<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”<sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.<sup>6</sup> And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please.”<sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.”<sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him.’”<sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,<sup>10</sup> for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’<sup>11</sup> and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”<sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**P: Praise be to God.**

### Message

**Undefeated: Be Spirit-Filled and Spirit-Led**

#### A Song of Invitation

*I Need Thee Every Hour, UMH #397*

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;  
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

Chorus: I need thee, O I need thee;  
every hour I need thee;

O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

I need thee every hour; stay thou nearby;  
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.

[Chorus]

I need thee every hour, in joy or pain;  
come quickly and abide, or life is vain. [Chorus]

I need thee every hour; teach me thy will;  
and thy rich promises in me fulfill. [Chorus]

I need thee every hour, most Holy One;  
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed  
Son. [Chorus]

### Holy Communion

Come to the table of Jesus our Redeemer! Jesus invites you here as part of the people of God. Come to the table humbly, not because you have earned a

place here, but because you need mercy and help. Come because you love God, and want to love God more. Come because Jesus first loved us, and gave himself for us. Come because you want to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Come because you want to experience the mystery of God’s grace.

On the night he was handed over, Jesus had a meal with his friends. He took a loaf of bread and after giving thanks to God, he broke it and gave it to his disciples. He said, “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and after giving thanks, gave it to them and said, “Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, remember me.”

Let us pray: God our Creator, thank you for the gift of your son Jesus Christ, whose love pursues us our whole life long. Thank you, Jesus, for giving your life to us in word and deed, even unto death, even death on a cross. Come Holy Spirit, feed us with your love that we may be filled with power to love God with all our hearts and souls and minds. Amen.

*[The Communion elements are served]*

### Prayer of Response:

**We have come to the Lord’s table, we have eaten the bread of heaven. God is the one who will transform us so that we can see with Jesus’ eyes, hear with Jesus’ ears, speak with Jesus’ mouth; so that we can be the body of Christ in the world, proclaiming the good news of God’s reign. Come Lord Jesus! Amen.**

### The Blessing with The Benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you  
make His face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.

The Lord turn His face toward you  
and give you peace. Amen.

### Postlude