

— FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT —

# *If You Fall Down*

LEARNING TO LIVE INSIDE OUT WORSHIP SERIES



## First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

*Serving, Giving, Welcoming, Growing in the likeness of Christ*

February 26, 2023  
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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## Welcome!

Services at 8:00 and 9:30 am • See [gilbertumc.org](http://gilbertumc.org) for streaming information  
*\*please stand as you are able*

### Pre-service Music

“Through It All”

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### Ringing of the Bell

### Welcome and Greeting

Pastor Rick Casebolt

### Prelude

“Lead Me, Lord”

*by Samuel Sebastian Wesley*

### \*Call to Worship

(8:00) Matt Roberts (9:30) Val Kellogg

Leader: Jesus began his ministry to the world, led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

**People: As we begin our Lenten journey, let us be led by the Spirit, even into uncomfortable places.**

Leader: In those forty days, and in that place, Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt, and temptation.

**People: As we seek to follow Jesus, we would be led, even into uncomfortable choices.**

Leader: Jesus left the wilderness, faithful, and obedient to God, rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.

**All: As we continue on our path to faithfulness, we will be led by our Christ, rejoicing in the Lord our God.**

### \*Opening Hymn

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” vs. 1-3

#127

*WORDS: William Williams; tr. Peter Williams MUSIC: John Hughes*

### \*Opening Prayer

Great God of comfort and healing, we come today with many questions: “How will we survive the challenges of this day? Can we get through our moments of loss and grief? Will we be comforted when our tears flow like mighty streams?” In the midst of our questions, we hear voices of assurance and comfort. “I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live. With the Lord there is steadfast love. The Spirit of God dwells in you. You will see the glory of God.” May these voices remind us of your abiding presence, and your steadfast love. Thank you for walking with us throughout our days. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

**Anthem** “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” The Chancel Choir  
*CCLI Song # 4768151 by Chris Tomlin | Louie Giglio; arr. Joel Raney (Hope Publ.) et al.*

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 4:1-11

**Message** Pastor Adriana Hernandez

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer**

**Song of Response (8:00)** “Cry of My Heart” **TFWS #2165**  
*WORDS and MUSIC: Terry Butler © 1991 Mercy/Vineyard Publ.*

(9:30) “We Fall Down”  
*CCLI Song # 2437367 Chris Tomlin © 1998 Rising Springs Music (Capitol CMG) et al.*

**Offering**

**Offertory** “Lord, I Need You”  
*CCLI Song # 5925687 Christy Nockels | Daniel Carson | Jesse Reeves | Kristian Stanfill | Matt Maher  
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**\*Doxology** “Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow” by Thomas Ken **#95**

**\*Offering Prayer**

Generous God, as we remember Jesus’ temptation in the wilderness, we acknowledge the temptation that pursues so many of us: to measure our worth, our power and our security by what we have. As we offer these gifts to you this morning, we pray that you might deliver us from the temptation of building our lives around what belongs to us. Continually lead us to the conviction that what matters is that we belong to you. We pray in the name of our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

**\*Closing Music (8:00)** “Take Time To Be Holy” vs. 1, 3, 4 **#395**  
*WORDS: William D. Longstaff MUSIC: George G. Stebbins*

(9:30) “Holy Is The Lord”  
*CCLI Song # 4158039 Chris Tomlin | Louie Giglio © 2003 Rising Springs Music (Capitol CMG)*

**\*Blessing**

**Postlude (8:00)** “Now I Belong to Jesus”  
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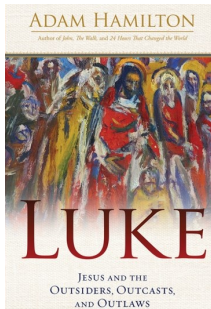
Join us next week for Sunday Worship!

John 3:1-17

— SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT —

# Go from Your Country

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## Join the Lenten Bible Study

*"Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws"* by Adam Hamilton

Offered at two times:

- Sundays 11:00 am in Room 136
- Wednesdays at 6:30pm in Room 130

Register on the yellow cards, on the website or through the office



## Wednesday Night Dinner & Fellowship

Wednesday, March 15th at 5:30pm  
Main Course: Baked Chicken  
The rest of the meal is a potluck!

## Confirmation

- Looking for donors to sponsor our First UMC Gilbert Confirmation Class of 2023!
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- Confirmation Sunday in May 2023
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## Thank you for joining our services today!

If you have any questions or comments please contact us at [connection@gilbertumc.org](mailto:connection@gilbertumc.org)

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