



*Matthew 4:1-11*  
*Jesus is Tested in the Wilderness*

## **Quadragesima Sunday**

**First Sunday of Lent**  
**February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**

### **St. Andrew's United Church**

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**\*Those who are able, please stand as marked**

*The St. Andrew's family warmly welcomes all visitors and newcomers!*  
*If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please sign our Guest Book*  
*in the Narthex and join us for coffee and snacks after service.*

**Musical Prelude**

**Announcements**

## **WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE**

**\*Lighting of the Christ Candle**

*Jesus Comes to Me as a Winter Tree (lyrics on screen)*

**\*Share the Peace of Christ**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We come to worship God;

**C: We come, bringing our stories , our lives, our whole selves.**

L: We come with our faith and doubts;

**C: With our hopes and our fears.**

L: We come as we are;

**C: Invited by God who will never turn us away.s**

L: All are welcome here.

**\*Opening Hymn: *Please open your hymnal***

## **OPENING PRAYER**

*(in unison)*

**God of Mercy, we confess that we have sinned against You; in our thinking, in our speaking, in our action and inaction of word and deed. We have not loved ourselves, our neighbours or You with our whole heart and mind and strength. In Your mercy, forgive what we have been and redirect what we shall be; so that we may live fully in your will and walk humbly in your ways. To the glory of Your holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **THE LESSONS**

The Old Testament

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

*The tree of the knowledge of good and evil*

## **Psalm 32**

*Blessed are those whose sins are forgiven.*

The New Testament

### **The Gospel of St. Matthew 4:1-11**

*Jesus is tested in the wilderness*

*(response after The Lessons)*

L: These are the Words of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Hymn:** *Please open your hymnal.*

**Sermon – Too High a Price**

Rev. Scott Brown

**\*Hymn:** *Please open your hymnal.*

## **WE RESPOND IN LOVE**

**Offering**

**\*Offering Dedication:** MV 191 – *What Can I Do?* (on-screen)

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*(responsively)*

***“Merciful God, hear your people praying”***

**COMMISSIONING** *(in unison)*

**God sends us out in the world to be a people who choose Jesus’ way of love.**

**God sends us out by the Holy Spirit into the garden of creation to find the lost.**

**God sends us out by the Holy Spirit into the desert places to find the lost.**

**God sends us out knowing that each journey that we take is a witness to the one who is our Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier.**

**God sends us out to witness to our dark, broken and controlled world.**

## BLESSING

As the Lenten journey lies before us may we know these things:  
May we know the warmth of God's loving embrace.  
May we know the surety of God being ever present.  
May we know the peace of God's gentle whisper in our ears and souls.  
May we know the guidance of Christ's gentle leading.  
May we know the strength of God's Holy Spirit within us,  
this day and always in our lives. Amen.

\*Closing Hymn: *Please open your hymnal.*

### Musical Postlude

***In honour of BLACK HISTORY MONTH, Robert and Vince are preparing selections from traditional African American gospel music, known reverentially as Negro Spirituals. Famously compiled by Dr. Burleigh in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, these songs have inhabited all major hymnals and denominations since.***

## What is the First Sunday of Lent?

***Quadragesima Sunday*** (also known as ***Invocabit Sunday***) is the first Sunday in Lent, occurring after Ash Wednesday. The term *Quadragesima* is derived from the Latin word for "fortieth", as there are exactly forty days from *Quadragesima Sunday* until Good Friday.

*Thank you*

### Worship Leaders

Rev. Scott Brown - Presider  
Vince Anderson – Lead Musician  
Robert Woodbury – Cantor

### Technical Support

Eldon Wilson – Live streaming & Sound  
Eldon Wilson – PowerPoint Operation  
Patricia Wilson – Order of Service & PowerPoint Design