

Welcome to Nith Valley Mennonite Church

People who love God with all our being and love others as ourselves!

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Lent 1: Show us your Hiding Space

Gathering in Hope

Prelude

Time of Anticipation

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn # 521 (blue)Come, thou fount

Hymn # 553 (blue)I am weak and I need thy strength

Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn # 106 (green)Just a closer walk with thee

Hearing God's Word

Children's Story

Scripture: Genesis 2 & 3

Sermon

Ritual of Response

Hymn # 81 (purple)When we are tempted

Responding as Disciples

Offering

Living, Loving, and Praying as Community

Go With the Spirit

Hymn # 49 (purple)I will come to you in the silence

Extinguishing the Light

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

Worship Leader: Tammy Shantz

Speaker: Greg Yantzi

Pianist: Bethany Ruby

Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Children's Story Leader: Lois Cressman

Focus statement

God's boundaries are wise and protective. When we push through them, surrendering to temptation, our vulnerabilities are exposed. Show us, Jesus, through fasting and Scripture how we can grow stronger through temptation and remain true to the calling of God in our lives.

Today is a Sermon Q&A morning. If you have a question about the scripture story, or in response to something from the sermon, you can either text Greg (226-868-2763) throughout the morning, or be prepared to share at the end of the sermon.

Beginning this week, our announcements will be sent out by email. Printed copies are available on the shelf under the mailboxes for those who prefer that format. Please contact the church office if you have recently changed your email address, so we can update your contact information. (Not sure? If you did not receive an email from Nith Valley on Saturday, with the subject line 'Nith Valley Announcements - March 1-7', then we do not have the correct contact info for you.)

Call to worship

Leader: Eternal God, you call beloved daughters and sons.

**People: We praise you for creating us
and calling us to cultivate your life in the world.**

Leader: Eternal God, you call our name in the garden

**People: We come to worship,
acknowledging our vulnerabilities and temptations.**

Leader: Eternal God, you are our hiding place,
where forgiveness and mercy encircle us.

**All: *Thanks be to God for the radical grace
offered to us through Jesus Christ.***

Confession

Leader: God calls to us, "Where are you?"

**People: We, like Adam, hide in the garden,
hoping God does not come looking for us.**

Leader: God asks, "What have you done?"

**People: We, like Eve, say, "the devil made me do it," masking our
shame.**

Leader: Our choices have consequences and yet God's grace
abounds.

**People: I confess I have hidden and denied my sin.
When I refused to admit my wrongs, I was miserable;
even my bones felt brittle.
Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.**

(Silence)