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*Port Williams United*  
*Baptist Church*

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# *The Worship of God*

## **Opening Meditation**

*“You keep using that word,  
I do not think it means what you think it means”*

The Princess Bride

\* **Welcoming Each Other**

Rev. Dr. Don Flowers

**Announcements**

**Prelude**

Davina Melanson

\* **Invocation**

\* **Hymn of Praise**    Forty Days and Forty Nights

**114**

\* **Litany:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Scripture**

Romans 10:8b-13

Lisa Lazaric

**Prayers of the People of God**

Don Flowers

\* **Children’s Hymn**    “Tell me the Stories”

**357 vs. 1-2**

**Children’s Moment**

\* **Children’s Hymn**    “Tell me the Stories”

**357 vs. 3, 4, 5**

\* **Hymn of Preparation** “Jesus, Tempted in the Desert” **115**

**Prayer of Confession**

Gracious and merciful God, we confess to you our reluctance to enter the wilderness places where we are confronted with our true selves. The places where we are tempted to put worldly values before our desire for you, and when our hunger for power and wealth is greater than our hunger for seeking and doing your will:

**Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.**

When we are tempted to use the gifts you give us to benefit ourselves at the expense of serving others:

**Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.**

When we are tempted to use sensational means to increase people’s faith, rather than being guided by the humility of Christ:

**Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.**

When we are tempted to use bribery to influence and control people:

**Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.**

When we are tempted to manipulate you, O God, to satisfy our own needs:

**Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.**

*A time of silence for personal confession*

**Merciful God, save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. Forgive us our sins and fill us with the joy and peace of your salvation. So strengthen us with your Spirit during this Lenten season that we put our whole trust in you as confidently as Jesus did. This we pray in his name. Amen**

## Words of Forgiveness

As the Apostle Paul wrote: “...if you confess with your lips that Jesus Christ is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

(Romans 10:9) These words contain the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Response** “What wondrous love is this” **147 vs. 1**

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

**Sermon** **Misunderstood Spirituality** *Don Flowers*

\* **Hymn of Response** **MVU 65**

### The Offering

\* **Offertory** “Give thanks” **522**

Give thanks, my soul, for labours, that strength and days  
employ; but know the Maker’s purpose brings toil as well as  
joy. Show forth, O God, your purpose; direct our will and hand  
to share your love and bounty with all in every land. AMEN.

\* **Benediction**

\* **Choral Benediction** “We shall go out” **586**

*We shall go out with hope of resurrection;  
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;  
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;  
tales of a love that will not let us go.  
We’ll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;  
we’ll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;  
we’ll weave a cloth of all the world united  
within the vision of new life in Christ.*

## Postlude and Quiet Reflection