

## ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR MAY 9, 2021

“Lord, Teach Us to Pray” Worship Series  
Week 3: Lead Us Not Into Temptation

### GREETING

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us step away from all that glitters and distracts us from what is true and good

**All: Lead us not into temptation**

One: Let us find strength and encouragement in this gathered community

**All: Lead us not into temptation**

One: Let us allow God’s Word to once again center us and refocus our priorities

**All: Lead us not into temptation**

### HYMN “Lead Me, Lord” #473 (UHM)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;  
make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,  
that makest me dwell in safety.

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### OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, we live in a world that is full of temptations. We are tempted to be self-centered, to prioritize our own gratification, to be oblivious to others’ needs, to hurt and harm in pursuit of our own desires. Hear us when we pray for deliverance from all that draws us away from what is good and right. Give us the strength to resist all that is harmful to ourselves or others. God of love and compassion, keep us safe from ourselves. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READING: James 12:1-16 (NRSV)

Blessed is anyone who endures temptation. Such a one has stood the test and will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. No one, when tempted, should say, “I am being tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one. But one is tempted by one’s own desire, being lured and enticed by it; then, when that desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and that sin, when it is fully grown, gives birth to death. Do not be deceived, my beloved.

### MESSAGE “Lead Us Not Into Temptation...”

**HYMN**      “The Lord's Prayer” #3068 (W&S)

Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil,  
for thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever.  
Amen. Amen.

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**HYMN**      “Let All Who Pray the Prayer Christ Taught”

Let all who pray the prayer Christ taught  
First clear the cluttered heart.  
Make room to breathe the living thought  
Those well-worn words impart.

Dismiss the fear that this world drifts  
With no one in command.

Your pulse and breath are signs and gifts  
From God's attentive hand.

Refine and test each passing aim  
Against this final one:  
Has your life hallowed heaven's name  
And has God's will been done?

Discard each vengeful hope that's fed  
The dreams of wars you'll win,  
Then freely ask for daily bread  
And pardon from your sin.

Examine how temptation breeds  
Inside the mind's dark maze,  
Acknowledging that your life needs  
Deliverance from its ways.

By faithful discipline prepare  
An inward holy space  
That when you offer Jesus' prayer  
Your heart may fill with grace.

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