

# SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

*Third Sunday of Easter*

*May 4, 2025*

*Wilderness is not a luxury, but a necessity of the human spirit. - Edward Abbey*

## GATHERING

**Welcome**

**Centering music**

**Call to Worship** HWB #661

**Hymn** Holy Spirit Come With Power **VT #57**

## LISTENING FOR THE WORD

**The Poet's Word** The desert has many teachings  
by Mechtild of Magdeburg (13th Century)

**Hymn** Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom **VT #196**

**Scripture** Excerpts from Numbers 1 & 2

**Sermon** Imitation Is a Form of Flattery. Or is it? David Moser

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**Hymn** God is Working This Purpose Out **VT # 770**

**Offering**

**Sharing our lives and our prayers**

**Praying in the Way of Jesus**

## THE WORD IN THE WORLD

**Hymn** Lead On, O Cloud of Presence **VT #194**

**Benediction**



Stanley Spencer, (English, 1891-1959)  
Christ in the Wilderness Driven by  
the Spirit, 1942

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