

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 18, 2018

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Preparing for Worship: Christ arising, Spirit descending, Creator proclaiming, receive us into your presence as we seek renewal in you. Escort us through the wilderness of this world and lead us to our joyful end in your Kingdom, O God.

Gathering Music **Jan Mauck**

Prelude “*Two Pieces from L'Organiste*” By Cesar Franck

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time **Brice Smith**

***Song “Through These Lenten Days and Nights” (S. 1-3) 250**

***Call to Worship:**

The same God who sent the flood also gives the rainbow.

The same water that washes the world of sin also refracts the colors of heaven.

The same Christ who died for us is also now alive in the Spirit.

The same Spirit that drove Jesus into the desert also sees us through our temptations.

The ways of God are the ways of steadfast love and faithfulness.

Let us seek God’s ways with worship and discipline, for in living the ways of God, there are many wonderful rewards!

Timothy Matthew Slemmons, “When Heaven Stands Open: Liturgical Elements for Reformed Worship, Year B,” Cascade: Eugene, 2013. P. 66.

***Invocational Prayer**

Song of Faith “Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley” 254

Community and Congregational 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory, forever.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

A Reading from the Old Testament **Genesis 9:8-17**

A Reading from the New Testament **1 Peter 3:18-22**

***A Reading from the Gospel** **Mark 1:9-15**

***Responsorial “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” WT**

Invitation & Dedication of Our Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings

Offertory Choir: “Cornerstone” Janet Nyfeler, Director
Words and music by Jim Goodnow

Children’s Message (2nd Grade and younger to Junior Church)

Message: “Evangelism Sermon Series: A Different Way”
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

***Invitation to Christian Faith and Discipleship –** If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God’s forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to follow Christ in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

***Song “Through These Lenten Days and Nights” (S. 4-6) 250**

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude “Fanfare and Trumpeting”** By David Paxton

*Please stand if able

CHILDRENS ACTIVITY BAGS AND BULLETINS – We are glad to have children in worship! Activity bags filled with coloring pages, crayons, and other items are available for preschool and elementary-aged children near the sanctuary door. Enjoy the bags and children’s bulletins; take your artwork home. Place the bags on the front pew after the worship service so we can restock them.

THE LORD’S SUPPER – West Side Baptist Church celebrates the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month. We practice “open communion.” This means we recognize the Table of the Lord does not belong to any church but solely to Jesus Christ. Therefore, any baptized Christian is welcome to receive the bread and the cup in this Christian church.

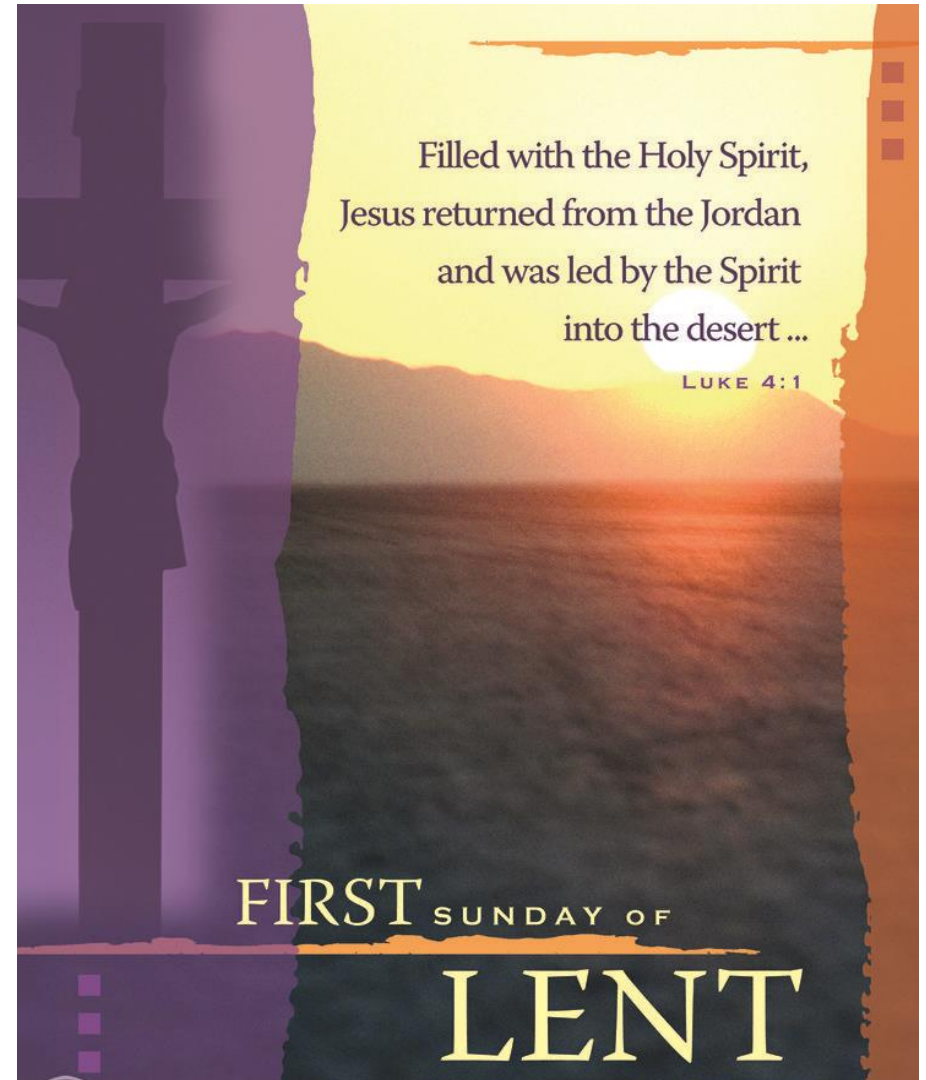


THE AGAPE FUND COLLECTION – West Side Baptist Church receives a benevolence offering for the poor and needy the first Sunday of each month after the Lord’s Supper. These funds are generously shared with persons in the church and neighborhood who have financial need. Please see the Pastor, Church Office, or the Moderator to complete an Application for Assistance.

MISSION: The vision of West Side Baptist Church shall be that we commit ourselves to continual personal growth, reaching out to win and nurture others in the love of Jesus Christ



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