

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 25, 2018

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Preparing for Worship: O God, who shows love on the cross, who gives life to the dead, who calls into being the things that are not, we hope against hope in you, we believe your promises, we seek the righteousness that comes through faith in Jesus Christ.

Gathering Music Jan Mauck

Prelude "First Sonata, Adagio" Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time Brice Smith

***Song** "I Come to the Cross" 251

*Call to Worship:

Give glory to God, O children of the covenant!

Praise the Lord, O descendants of Abraham!

The Lord does not despise the afflicted.

God hears those who cry out in distress.

Praise the Lord, O seekers of God.

All people shall bow down and worship the Lord!

For the poor will eat bread and the hungry will be satisfied.

All the nations shall remember and turn to the Lord.

Our children and their children will know what God has done!

They will tell the Good News to children yet to be born.

Timothy Matthew Slemmons, "When Heaven Stands Open: Liturgical Elements for Reformed Worship, Year B," Cascade: Eugene, 2013. P. 69.

*Invocational Prayer

Song of Faith "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" 255

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 17:1-7, 15-16

A Reading from the New Testament Romans 4:13-25

***A Reading from the Gospel** Mark 8:31-38

***Responsorial** "Where He Leads Me (I Will Follow)"

Invitation & Dedication of Our Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings

Offertory Choir "The Gentle Face of Love" James Goodnow

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

Message: Evangelism - Testimonial (Story-Telling) Approach
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** "Take Up Thy Cross and Follow Me"

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude** "Fugue in A Minor" J.S. Bach

*Please stand if able

LENT - Lent is a season of forty days (not counting Sundays or feast days) which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." Christians spend the forty days remembering Jesus' temptation, practicing penances, and preparing for Easter.

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.



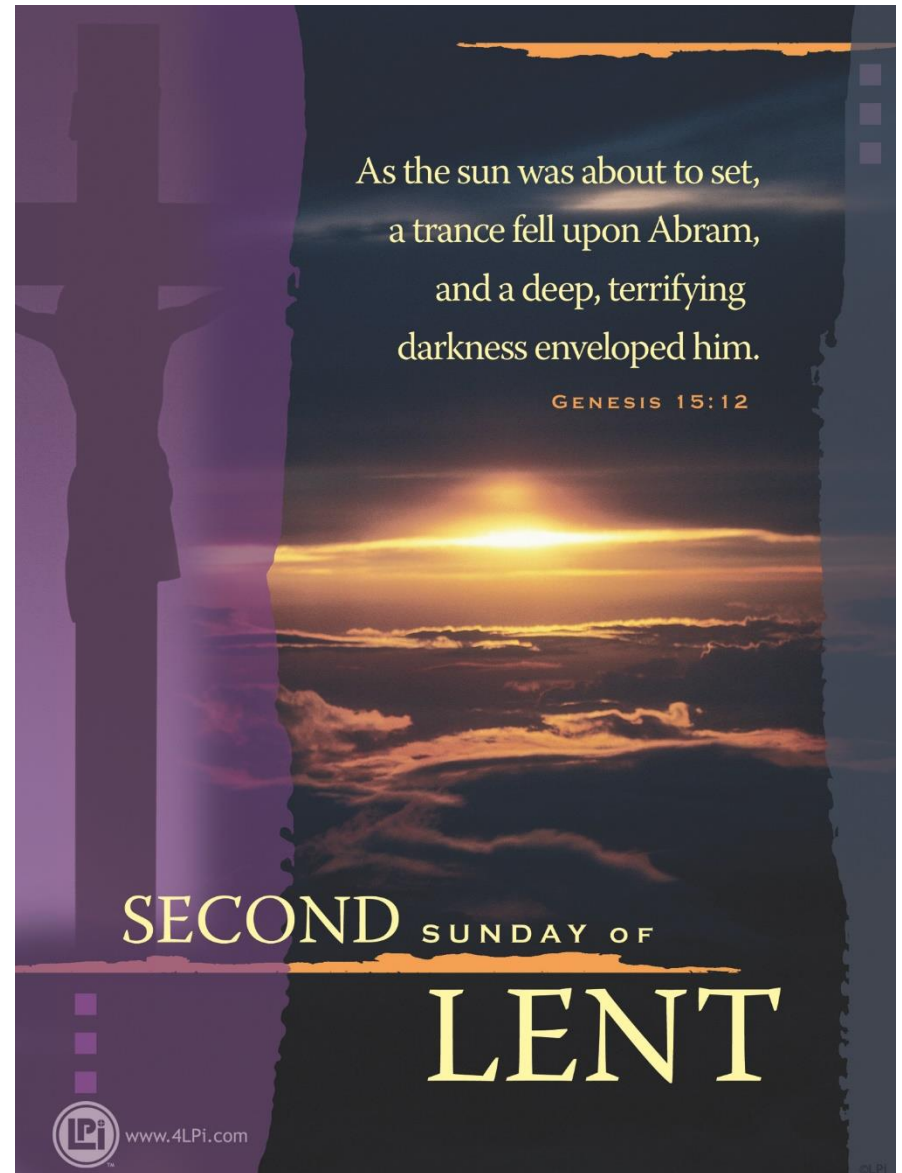
THE AGAPE FUND COLLECTION – West Side Baptist Church receives a benevolence offering for the poor and needy the first Sunday of each month after the Lord’s Supper. These funds are generously shared with persons in the church and neighborhood who have financial need. Please see the Pastor, Church Office,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