

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 11, 2018

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

### Preparing for Worship

Gathering Music & Prelude Jan Mauck

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time Brice Smith

\*Song "God Hath Spoken By the Prophets" Old Hymnal

### \*Call to Worship:

We were once dead in our transgressions and sins.

**But God made us alive again with Christ!**

We were once slaves of Satan, following the ways of the world.

**But the Spirit who gives life has set us free from the law of sin and death.**

We were once children of wrath, gratifying the cravings of our sinful flesh and following its desires and thoughts.

**But because of God's great love for us, the Lord, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ!**

We are now children of God, created in Christ for good works.

**God has raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms**

For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith, not by works, so that no one can boast.

**It is the gift of God.**

**Let us give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for all humankind.**

**Let us give a sacrifice of praise and tell of God works with songs of joy.**

From Ephesians 2:1-10, Romans 8:2, Psalm 107:21-22

### \*Invocational Prayer

Song of Faith "Amazing Grace" (Stz. 1, 2, 5) 422

**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 Numbers 21:4-9

A Reading from the Apostles Ephesians 2:1-10

\*A Reading from the Gospel John 3:14-21

\*Responsorial Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone WT

Invitation & Dedication of Our Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings

Offertory Special "Father, Forgive Them" Janet Nyfeler, Dir.  
Soloist, Brice Smith by Jim Goodnow

Children's Message (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and younger to Junior Church)

Message Evangelism: Invitational (Come Join Us) 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 "What Wondrous Love Is This" (Stz. 1, 2, 3) 257

\*Spoken Benediction

\*Postlude "The Heavens Declare the Glory"

by William Barnett

\*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.

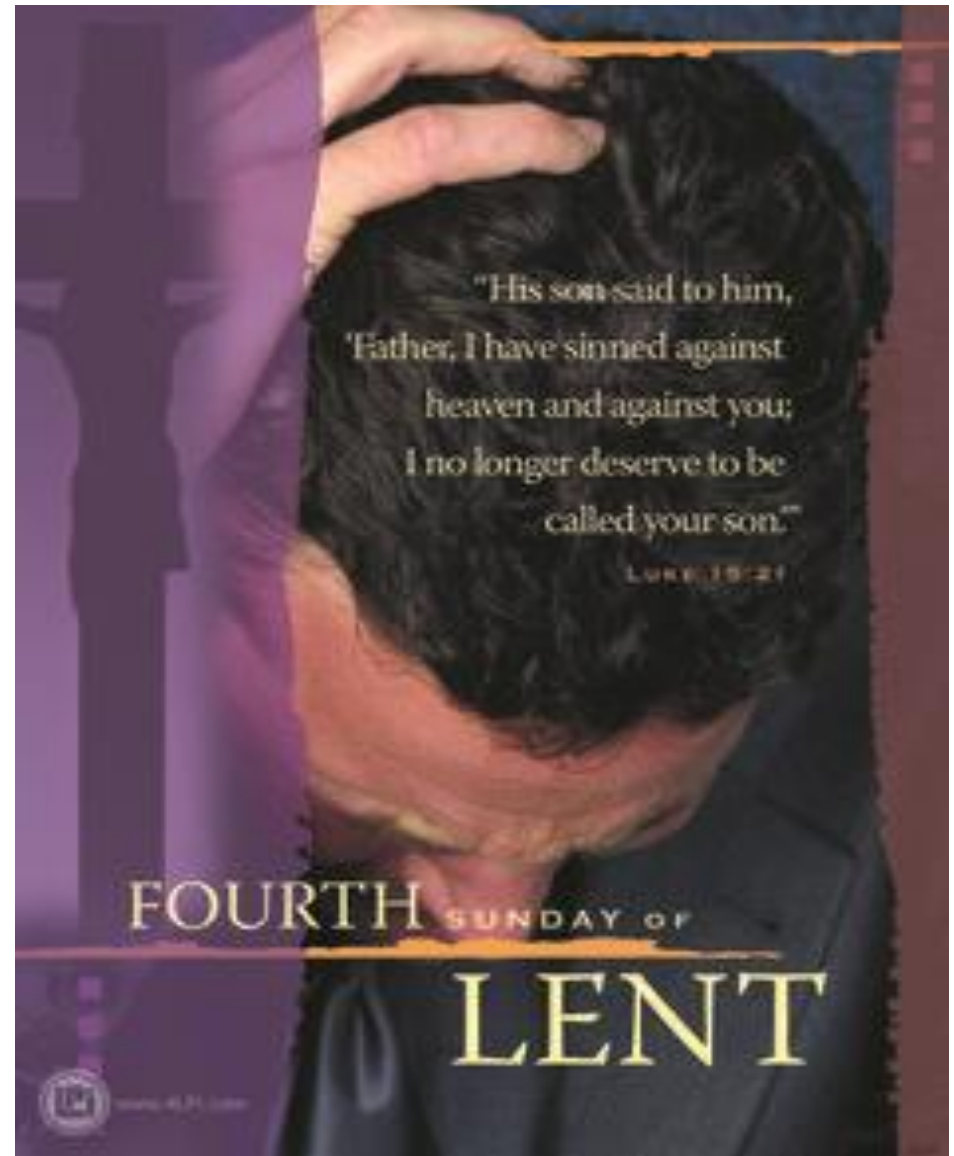


**THE AGAPE FUND COLLECTION** – West Side Baptist Church receives a benevolence offering for the poor and needy the first Sunday of each month after the Lord's Supper. These funds are generously shared with persons in the church and neighborhood who have financial need. Please see the Pastor, Church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