

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 18, 2018

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Preparing for Worship: Almighty God, let your voice thunder over us, let the ruler of this world be driven out, let your light so shine upon us that we might be recognized as your children of light!

Gathering Music & Prelude “My Savior’s Love” Jan Mauck

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time Brice Smith

***Song** “Jesus Shall Reign” 341

***Call to Worship:** *King David’s Prayer for Forgiveness*

You are kind, God! Please have pity on me.

You are always merciful! Please wipe away my sins.

Wash me clean from all my sin and guilt.

I know about my sins, and I cannot forget my terrible guilt.

You are really the one I have sinned against; I have disobeyed you and have done wrong.

So it is right and fair for you to correct and punish me.

I have sinned and done wrong since the day I was born.

But you want complete honesty, so teach me true wisdom.

Wash me with hyssop until I am clean and whiter than snow.

Let me be happy and joyful! You crushed my bones, now let them celebrate.

Turn your eyes from my sin and cover my guilt.

Create pure thoughts in me and make me faithful again.

Help me to speak, and I will praise you, Lord.

Offerings and sacrifices are not what you want.

The way to please you is to feel sorrow deep in our hearts.

This is the kind of sacrifice you won’t refuse.

Psalm 51:1-10, 15-19 (Contemporary English Version)

***Invocational Prayer**

Song of Faith “Refiner’s Fire” 374

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 Jeremiah 31:31-34

A Reading from the New Testament Hebrews 5:5-10

***A Reading from the Gospel** John 12:20-33

***Responsorial** “Lead Me to Calvary” 253

Invitation & Dedication of Our Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings

Offertory “Come Away to the Skies” by Patricia Lou Harris

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

Evangelism Message: Service (Acts of Kindness) Approach
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

***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** “Just as I Am” 354

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude** “Thine Is the Glory” by Robert Thygerson

*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.

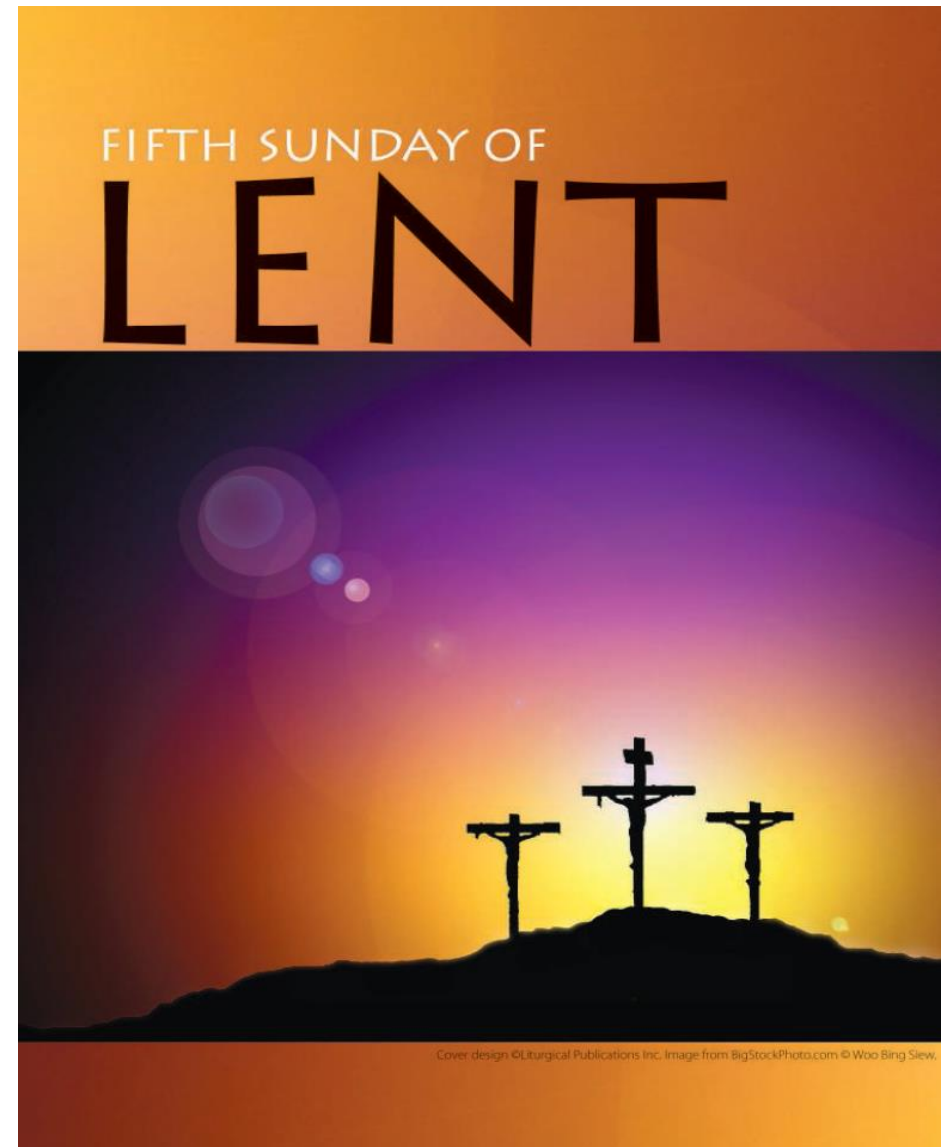


THE AGAPE FUND COLLECTION – West Side Baptist Church receives a benevolence offering for the poor and needy the first Sunday of each month after the Lord's Supper. These funds are generously shared with persons in the church and neighborhood who have financial need. Please see the Pastor, Church Office,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