

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 4, 2018

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Preparing for Worship: Crucified God, with the foolishness of the cross, you save us; with the weakness of your dying, we are made strong. The wise of the world do not understand, but we trust your ways and worship you.

Prelude "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" by Robert Thygeron

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time Brice Smith

***Song "The Wonderful Cross" Worship Team**

***Call to Worship:**

We come together to offer our thanks and praise. In the name of God the Father:

who created us,

who holds us and the whole world in his hands

In the name of God the Son:

who came into the world,

**who reconciles us with God
through the Cross of Calvary.**

In the name of God the Holy Spirit

who fills us with eternal life,

who links us with all Christians and incites us to peace.

~ The Very Rev. Dr. Sheilagh Kesting, The Church of Scotland

***Invocational Prayer**

Song of Faith "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" 264 (Stz. 1)

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 Exodus 20:1-17

A Reading from the New Testament 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

***A Reading from the Gospel John 2:13-22**

***Responsorial "The Old Rugged Cross" 260**

Invitation & Dedication of Our Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings

Offertory Special "Behold the Man" by Jim Goodnow

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

**Message: Evangelism - Interpersonal (Friendship) Approach
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister**

THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Invitation to the Lord's Table – West Side Baptist Church practices *open communion*. This memorial meal is offered to all persons who profess faith in Jesus Christ and have been baptized. You do not need to be a member of this church to partake of the bread and cup. Please hold each gift until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

†Servers Prepare for the Table of the Lord

***Song "Communion Hymn (Behold the Lamb)" WT**

The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion)

The Body of Christ – The Bread of Heaven

The Blood of Christ – The Cup of Salvation

The Agape Fund - The Collection for the Saints and the Needy

***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 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"**

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude "Voluntary on 'Llanfair'" by Hugh Livingston Jr.**
*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.

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.

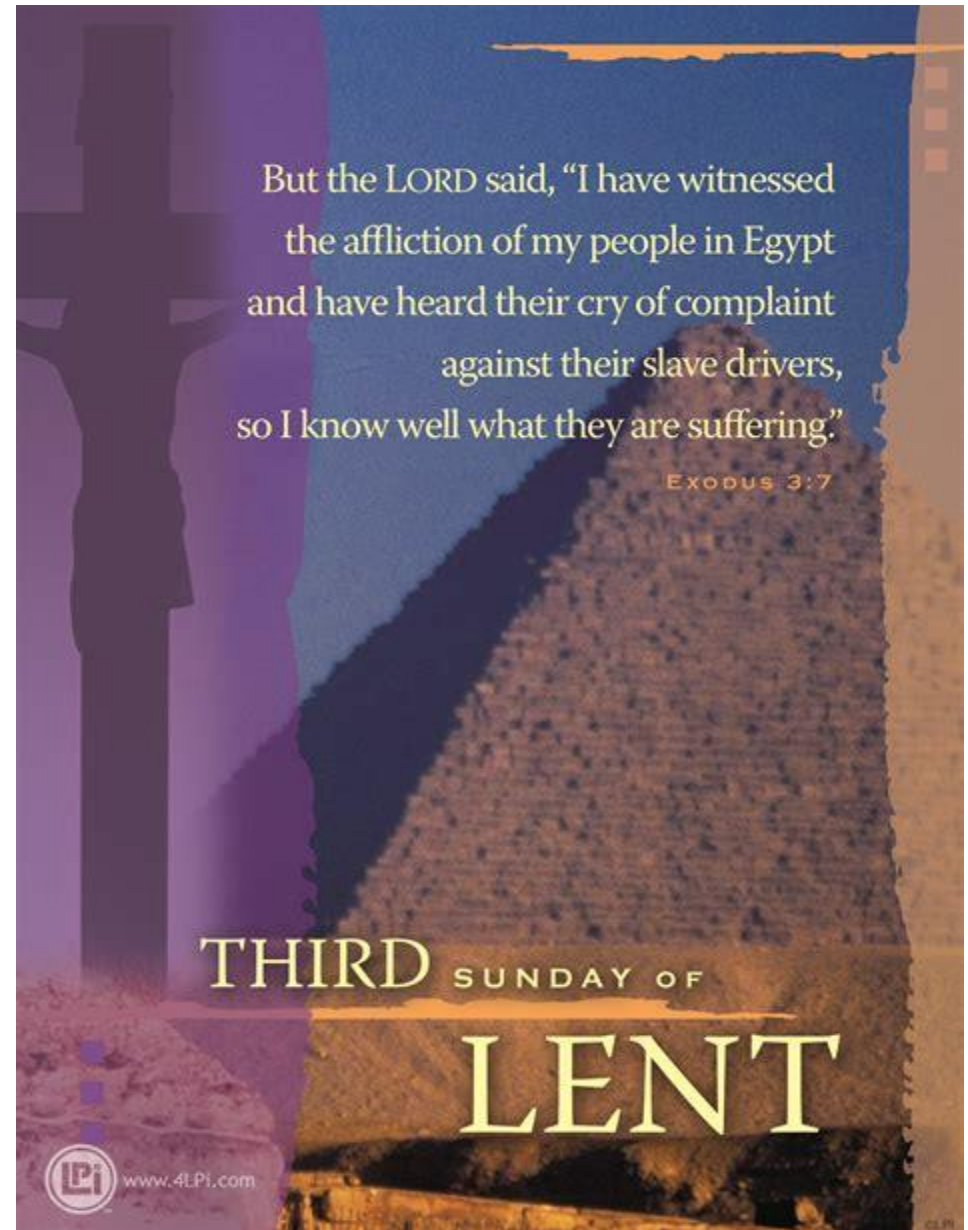


THE AGAPE FUND COLLECTION – West Side Baptist Church receives a benevolence offering for the poor and needy the first Sunday of each month after the Lord's Supper. These funds are generously shared with persons in the church and neighborhood who have financial need. Please see the Pastor, Church Office,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