

# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 10, 2019

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Gathering Music & Prelude “Break Thou the Bread of Life”  
Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

Welcome, Announcements, & Greeting Time Brice Smith

\*Opening Song 250 “Throughout These Lenten Days...”

\*Call to Worship *Confessing Christ in Faith*

If you confess that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that  
God has raised him from the dead, then you will be saved.

**Jesus is Lord! We confess it!**

**We believe that God has raised him to new life!**

No one who believes in Christ Jesus will ever be put to shame.

**The same Lord is Lord of all.**

**God is generous to all who proclaim the word of faith.**

Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

**We are gathered to call upon your holy name, O God of our  
salvation!**

Timothy Matthew Slemmons, “The Joyful Feast: Liturgical Elements for  
Reformed Worship, Year C,” Cascade: Eugene, ©2014. Used with permission.

\*Opening Prayer and Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession – Holy God, you have seen our  
troubles; you have heard our thoughts; you know our inward  
and outward pain. Help us see where we have not been  
humble. Guide us in confessing where we have been sinful.  
Lead us through every time of testing and keep us from  
temptation, that we may rely solely on you to prove us in the  
faith we have been given in Jesus Christ our Lord.

\*Declaration of Forgiveness

Song of Faith 16 “The God of Abraham Praise” *Leoni*

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Apostolic Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

\*Gospel Reading

Luke 4:1-13

\*Responsorial 251 “I Come to the Cross” *Bill Bastone*

Invitation to Give and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

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

The Message: “Everyday Spirituality: Getting Lost”  
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

The Prayers of God’s People & Lord’s Prayer (debts /debtors)

## RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

\*Invitation to Faith and Fellowship – 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 254 “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” *Schrader*

\*Spoken Benediction

\*Postlude Jan Mauck, Church Accompanist

\*Please stand if able

**LENT** (Latin: *Quadragesima*, meaning “fortieth”) is a solemn  
religious season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins  
on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from  
the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means “spring.” The forty  
days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring  
the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is

a time of repentance, fasting, and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others. Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" so we temper the reverent spirit of Lent with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

**BELIEVER'S BAPTISM** – The American Baptist churches practice "believer's baptism" which is the immersion of a person in water who receives Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior and publicly professes faith before the congregation. The Council schedules baptisms on most Sunday mornings throughout the year usually after the candidate completes an introductory class. Come to the front of the sanctuary during the *Invitation to Faith and Fellowship* if you would like to be baptized or speak privately with Pastor Ivan.

**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" which means the Table of the Lord is open to all baptized Christians regardless of age or religious affiliation. In solidarity with our brothers and sisters, we use only non-alcoholic grape juice. Please hold each element until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

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