

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 17, 2019

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Gathering Music & Prelude “Jesus, Very Thought of Thee”
Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

Welcome, Announcements, & Greeting Time Brice Smith

*Opening Song 264 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” *Rathbun*

*Call to Worship *Triumphant Song of Confidence*

Wait for the Lord. Be strong, and let your heart take courage!

**We will wait for the Lord. We shall see the goodness of
God in the land of the living.**

Come, O people, and seek God’s face!

**Your face, O Lord, do we seek. Do not hide from us or turn
away in anger.**

One thing I have asked of the Lord. That will I seek to live in
the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

**Behold the beauty of the Lord! God is my light and my
salvation; of whom shall I be afraid?**

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

*Opening Prayer

Silent Reflection and Confession

Song of Faith WT “The Wonderful Christ” *Watts & Tomlin*

The Prayers of God’s People – 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

Old Testament Reading Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Apostolic Reading Philippians 3:17-4:1

*Gospel Reading Luke 13:31-35

*Responsorial WT “In Christ Alone” *Getty & Townend*

Invitation to Give and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

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

The Message: “Faith or Doubt”

Pastor Bob Roesler

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.

*Closing Song 458 “O Jesus, I Have Promised” *Angel’s Story*

*Spoken Benediction

*Postlude

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*Please stand if able

LENT (Latin: *Quadragesima*, meaning “fortieth”) 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.

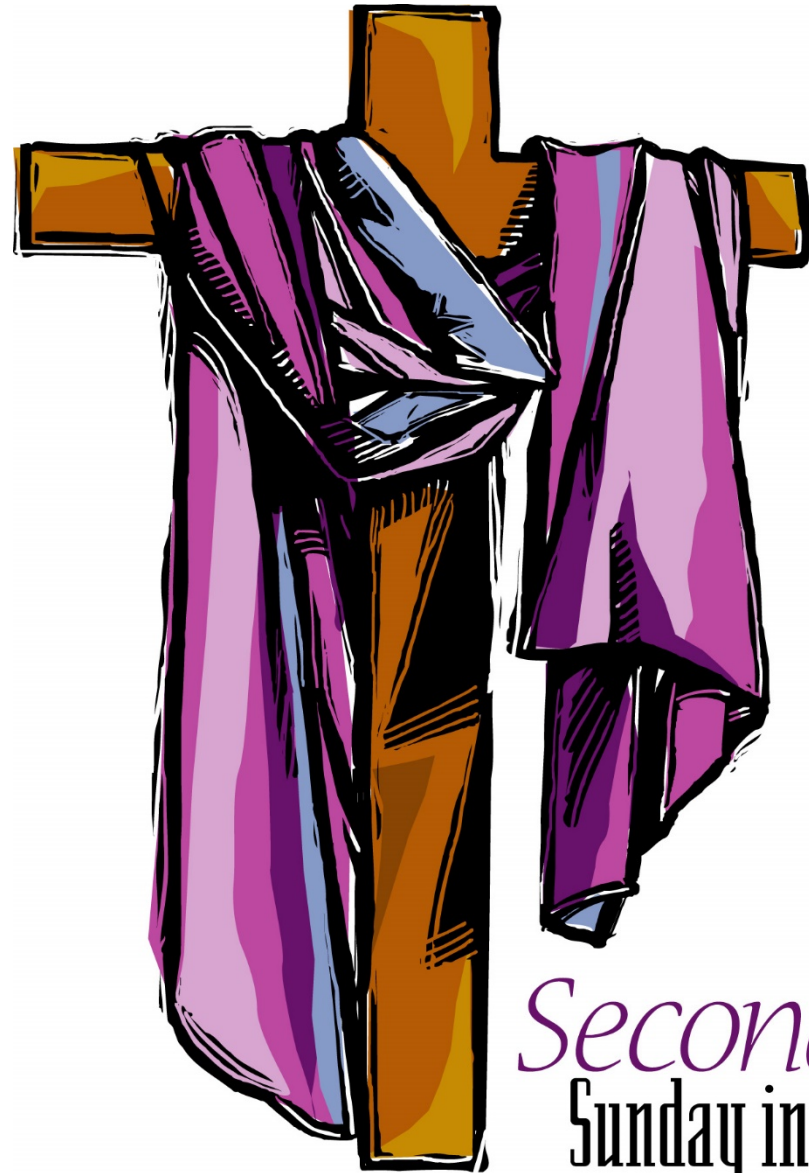
BELIEVER'S BAPTISM – The American Baptist churches practice "believer's baptism" which is the immersion of a person in water who receives Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior and publicly professes faith before the congregation. The Council schedules baptisms on most Sunday mornings throughout the 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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