

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 1, 2020

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting Time Brice Smith

Prelude “Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley” *arr. A. Zabel*
Kay Wildman, Church Organist

*Call to Worship

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy,
all you upright in heart.

**Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven; whose
sin is covered.**

Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in
whose spirit there is no deceit.

***Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for
joy, all you upright in heart.***

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Opening #252 “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”
St. Flavian

*Invocation Prayer The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter

Songs of Faith #88 “Lord I Lift Your Name on High” WT

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Old Testament Reading Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

New Testament Reading Romans 5:12-19

*Gospel Reading Matthew 4:1-11

*Response # 254 “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”
Lonesome Valley

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s 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 the glory forever.

Invitation to Giving our Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings & Prayer

Offertory

Children’s Message (3rd Grade and younger to Junior Church)

Message “The Work of One Man”
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Invitation to the Lord’s Table – We practice *open communion*. All persons who profess faith in Jesus Christ are invited to partake of this memorial meal. 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

Hymn # 654 “Holy Ground”

Holy Communion: The Lord’s Supper –

Breaking of Bread – *The Body of Christ; The Bread of Heaven*

Passing of the Cup – *The Blood of Christ; The Cup of Salvation*

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

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 be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

***Song #589 “O Master Let Me Walk with Thee”** *Festal Song*

***Spoken Benediction** The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter

Postlude “Forty Days and Forty Nights” *arr. J. Mansfield*
Kay Wildman, Church Organist

*Please stand if able

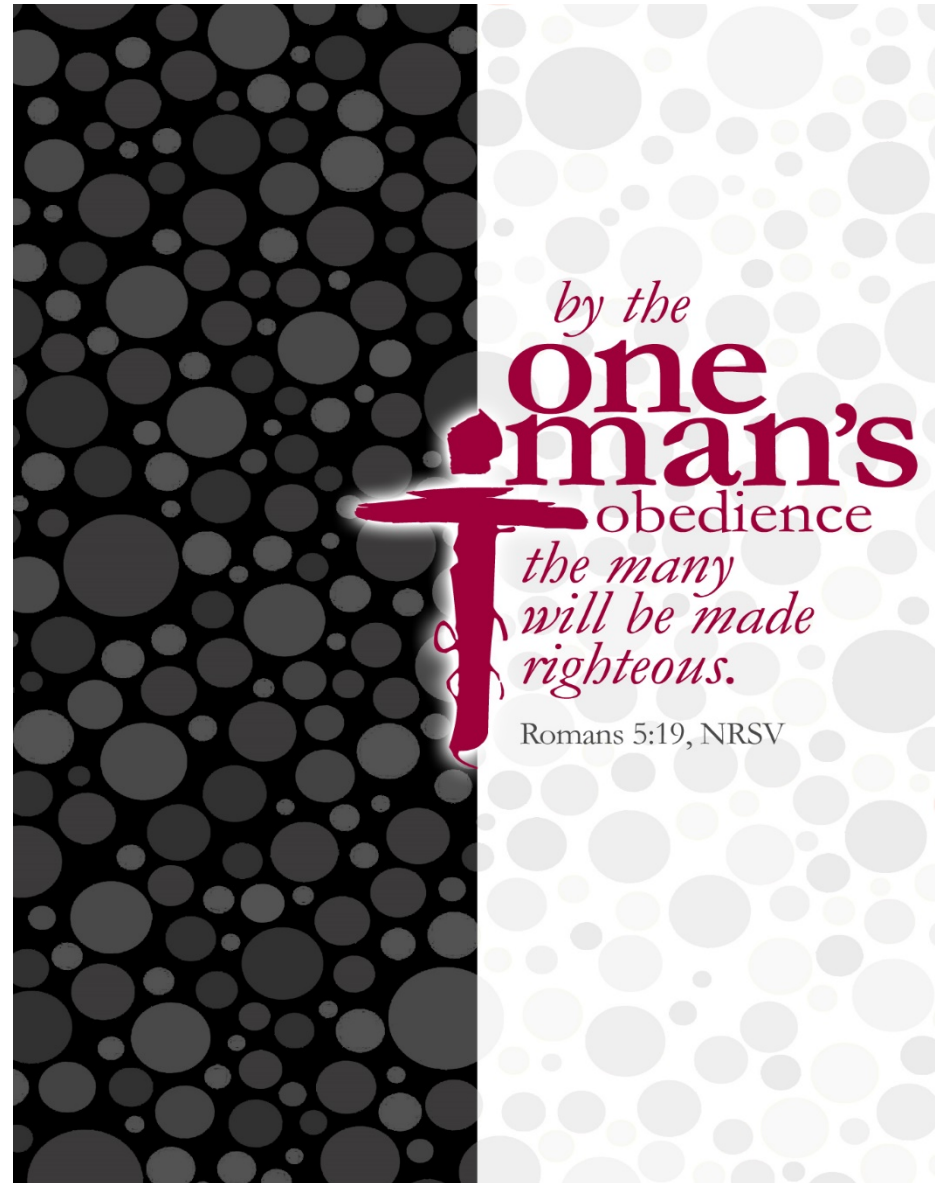
BELIEVER’S BAPTISM – We practice “believer’s baptism” which is the immersion of a person in water – regardless of age – who receives Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior and publicly professes faith to walk the Jesus way. The Council schedules baptisms on most Sunday mornings throughout the year. If you would like to be baptized, then come to the front during the last song.

THE LORD’S SUPPER – We celebrate the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month, and on special occasions. All persons of faith, regardless of age, race or church affiliation, are welcome to partake of the Table of the Lord. 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. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

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