

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 21, 2021

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting Time Brice Smith

Song “Lord I Need You” Worship Team

*Call to Worship

The same God who sent the flood also gives the rainbow.

The same water that washes the world of sin also refracts the colors of heaven.

The same Christ who died for us is also now alive in the Spirit.

The same Spirit that drove Jesus into the desert also sees us through our temptations.

The ways of God are the ways of steadfast love and faithfulness.

Let us seek God’s ways with worship and discipline, for in living the ways of God, there are many wonderful rewards!

Timothy Matthew Slemmons, “When Heaven Stands Open: Liturgical Elements for Reformed Worship.” Cascade Books: 2013. All rights reserved.

*Invocation Prayer The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter

Call to Confession & Unison Prayer: Holy God, by the waters of the flood, by the waters of baptism, you drown the ways of evil in this world. By the testing of Jesus in the desert, you show us that you prevail over the tempter. Yet we have failed to fully trust the guidance of your Spirit in our own lonely, desert times. Thus, evil persists in their world by our own fault, fear, and anxiety. Forgive us, O God, and renew our faith, courage, and hope, that our obedience to you might demonstrate your glory to the world, in Jesus’ name.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Song of Faith #253 “Lead Me to Calvary” DUNCANNON

The Prayer of the People 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.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

The First Reading Genesis 9:8-17

The Second Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22

*Gospel Reading Mark 1:9-15

Responsorial #254 “Jesus Walked” LONESOME VALLEY

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

Invitation to the Offerings, Prayer, and Offertory Special

Message “The Covenant of Water & Word: More Water?”
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

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 #350 “The Summons” KELVINGROVE

*Spoken Benediction

*Postlude

*Please stand if able



SERMON SERIES – The Problem: God’s Solution to Our Biggest Problem –

Pastor Ivan is teaching a six-part sermon series on our biggest problem and how God is fixing it. Watch the entire series on the Church’s YouTube channel:

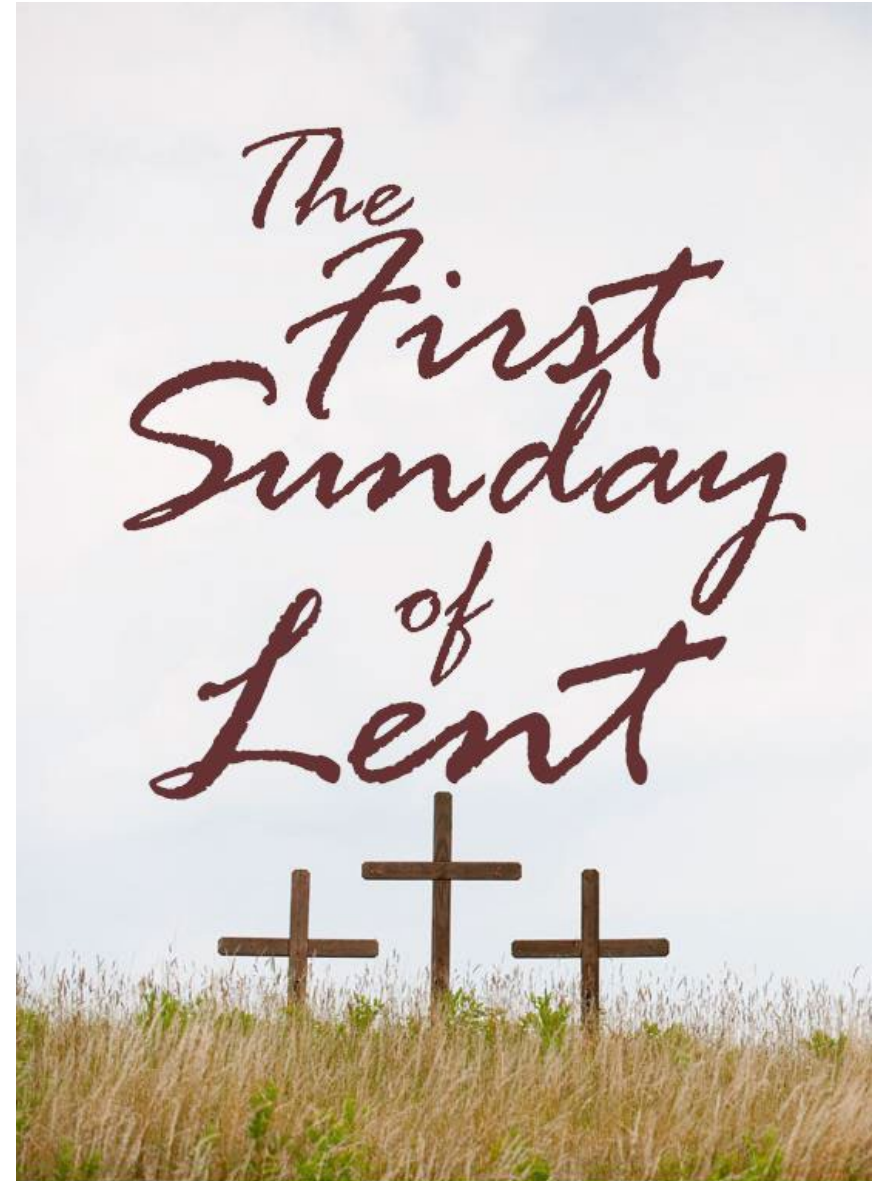
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbIF8rvtPVFk2iJWJMCQHKw>

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. All persons, 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.

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