

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 14, 2021

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting Time Brice Smith

Song #255 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” *ST CHRISTOPHER*

*Call to Worship

We were once dead, under the rule of sin.

But God has made us alive again with Christ!

We were once enslaved, bound by the desires of the flesh.

But the Spirit has stolen among us and set us free!

We were once children of wrath, following the way of the world.

But we are raised with Christ by God’s kindness!

We are what God has made us, created in Christ for good works.

This is our way of life, which God prepared beforehand.

Let us worship God!

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 of Confession - Almighty God, we confess that we have often run away from the light so that our sins might not be seen. We have remained in the sickness caused by our sin and drawn near to the gates of death. Send out your Word to heal us! Deliver us from death! Transform our darkness into the assurance of your eternal day, so that all our deeds may be done in the light and the love of your only Son, in whom we place our hope and trust.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Song of Faith # “The Wonderous Cross”

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 Numbers 21:4-9

The Second Reading Ephesians 2:1-10

*Gospel Reading John 3:14-21

Responsorial #260 “The Old Rugged Cross”

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings & Prayer of Dedication

Message “The Covenant of Atonement: Bronze Serpent”
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 # 258 “At the Cross” *HUDSON*

*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>

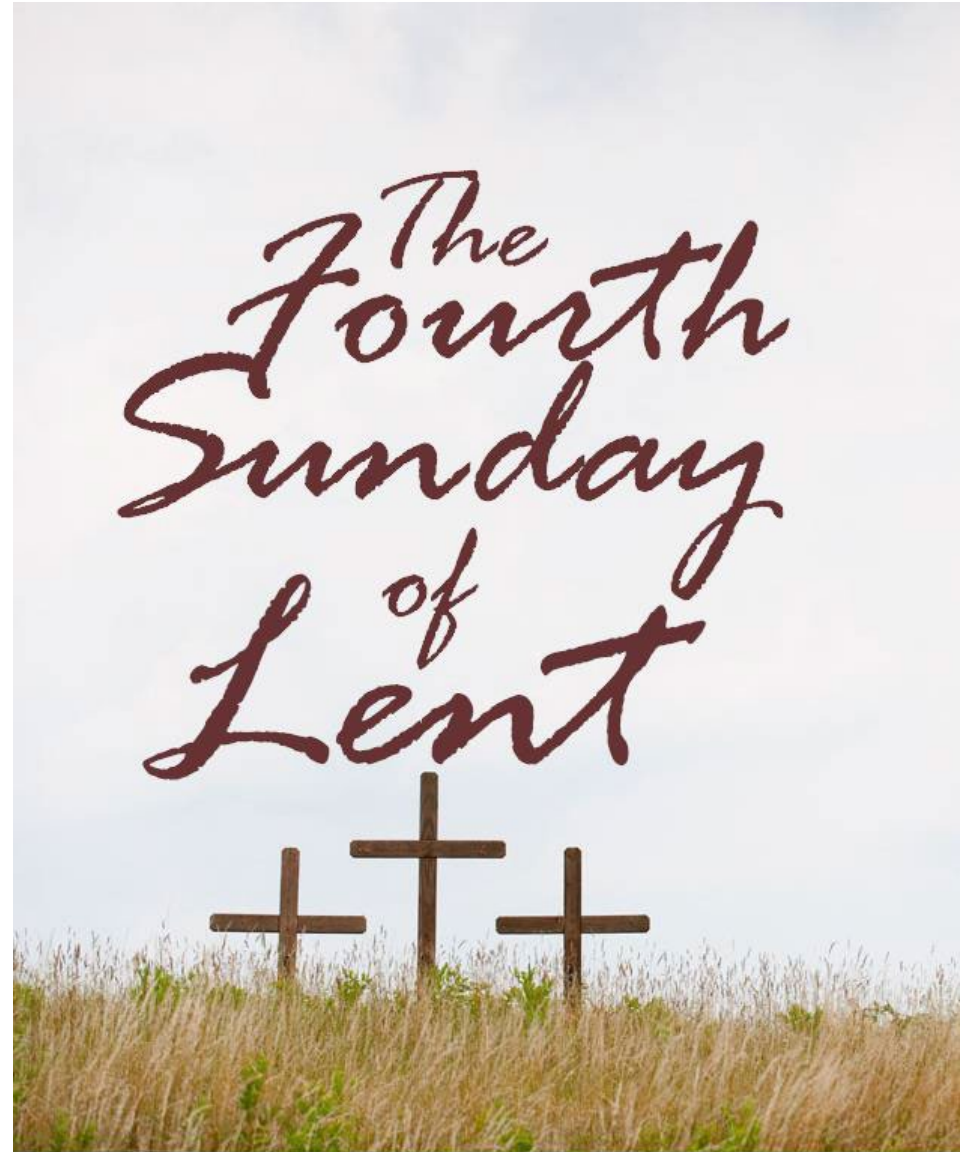
BELIEVER'S BAPTISM – We practice “believer’s baptism” which is the immersion of a person in water – regardless of age – who receives Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior and publicly professes faith to walk the Jesus way. The Council schedules baptisms on most Sunday mornings throughout the year. 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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