

PALM & PASSION SUNDAY

MARCH 28, 2021

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting Time **Brice Smith**

Song # 267 **“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”**

***Call to Worship**

Open the gates of righteousness!

Open the gates for our victorious Lord!

Christ is our Salvation!

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Line the Procession with branches!

Prepare the Way for the anointed son of David!

Christ is our cornerstone!

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Give Thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

Christ is our mercy forever!

Hosanna! Hosanna!

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***Invocation Prayer** **The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter**

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession: Servant Lord, you call us to serve you and to serve one another. We confess that we are reluctant to stoop so low, yet when we do, we find you are already there, having taken the form of a slave. You have entered our lives not at the head of an army, but meekly, riding on a humble donkey. Teach us again your ways for living godly, compassionate lives of service. Forget our faults in your mercy, and make us anew in your image.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Song of Faith # 270 “O How He Loves You and Me”

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 **Isaiah 50: 4-9a**

The Second Reading **Philippians 2:5-11**

***Gospel Reading** **Mark 14:1-15:47**

Responsorial # 284 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings & Prayer of Dedication

Message **“God’s New Covenant in Blood”**
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter

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 #** **“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”**

***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>

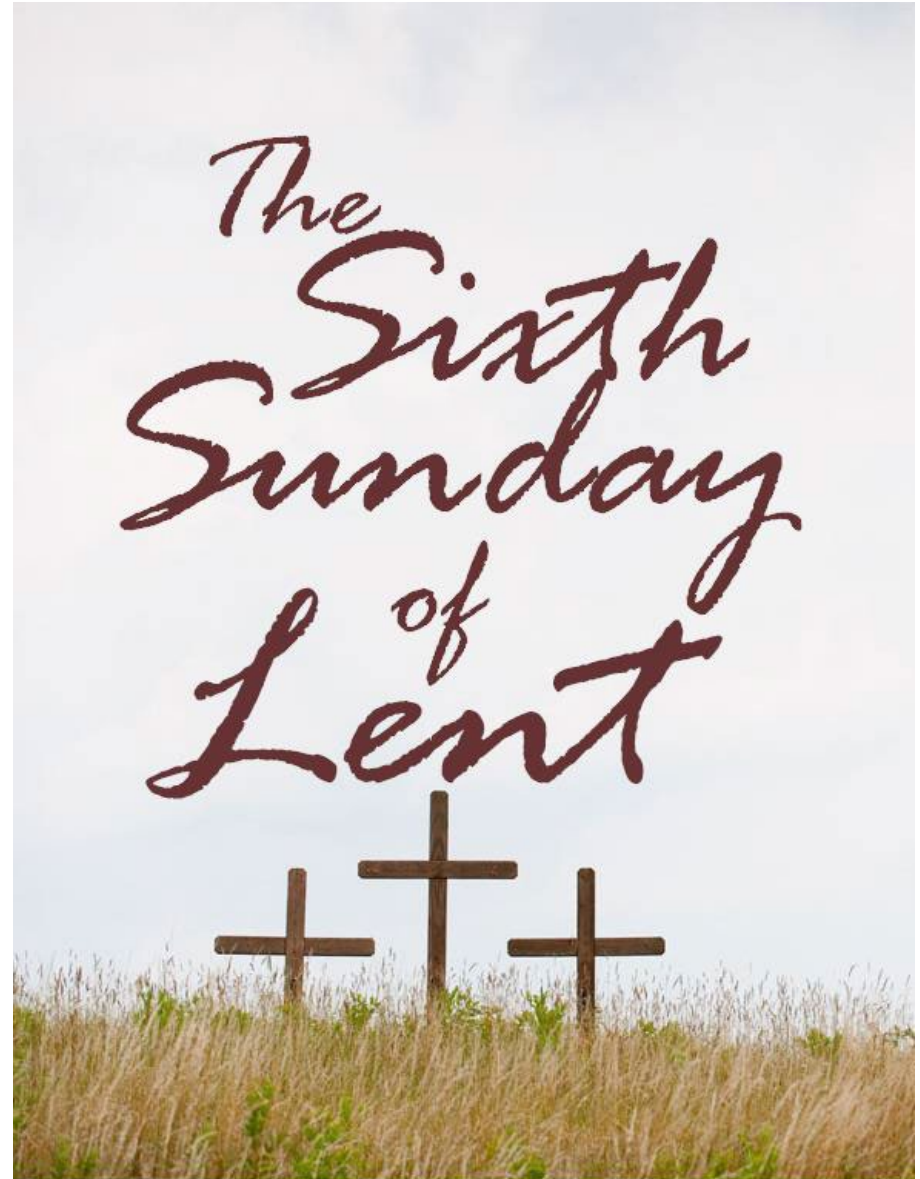
BELIEVER'S BAPTISM – We practice “believer’s baptism” which is the immersion of a person in water – regardless of age – who receives Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior and publicly professes faith to walk the Jesus way. The Council schedules baptisms on most Sunday mornings throughout the year.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