

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 6, 2022

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name

***Opening Song #251** "I Come to the Cross" *BATSTONE AND SOMMA*

***Call to Worship** *Assurance of God's Protection*

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord,

"My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,

No evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

For the Lord will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion, and the serpent you will trample under foot.

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

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***Opening Prayer**

***Song of Faith**

**"He Is Lord"
"Here I am to Worship"**

*Worship Team
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WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Sonia Roling

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The Second Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

***The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**

Luke 4:1-13

***Song #254** "Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley" *AFRICAN-AM SPIRITUAL*

Children's Sermon (Kids 3rd Grade and Younger can walk to Children's Church)

Announcements & Prayers of the Community

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations - A collection plate is available in the front of the Sanctuary, ushers will collect the offering, or you can give it online.

Offertory Special

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Prayer and The Message

**"At the Cross: Victory Over Temptation & Sin"
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister**

WE CELEBRATE 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.

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.

Communion Song

"Behold the Lamb"

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*

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.

***Invitation to Faith and Fellowship**

***Closing Hymn #258**

"At the Cross"

Hudson

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude**

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**Stand when able*

NURSERY CARE is lovingly provided for all new-born infants to age five.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS – We love having children in church, and we want them to enjoy the service. Activity bags filled with coloring pages, crayons, and other items are available for preschool and elementary-aged children near the sanctuary door. Enjoy the bags and children's bulletins. Please take home your artwork. Place the bags on the front pew after the worship service so we can restock them.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH - Kids 3rd Grade and Younger can walk to Children's Church after the Children's Sermon. Adults lead the children in a Bible activity and snack time. They will return to the Sanctuary at the end of the service.



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