

The Service for the Lord's Day

First Sunday in Lent

Welcome! We are glad that you are here. We hope that you are blessed by your encounter with God today.

*The * indicates points in the service where you are invited to stand, if that is comfortable for you.*

However, if it is better for you to remain seated, feel free to do so.

*All are invited to join in speaking or singing when **Bolded** words appear.*

March 10, 2019

The service begins with the music of preparation.

9:30 am

Gathering the Community of Faith

Prelude

Elegy

George Thalben-Ball

Call to Worship (from Psalm 37)

One: We enter this season of Lent knowing the wilderness is ahead;

All: Prepare us, O God, to face whatever adversity might come.

One: We enter this week uncertain of the distractions that may arrive;

All: Help us, O God, to keep our minds on you.

One: We enter this day hoping to set our hearts on Christ;

All: Keep us, O God, on the way of faith.

One: We enter this time of worship dependent upon you, God;

All: Show us, O God, Your way, Your truth, and Your life. Amen.

*Hymn 166 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Faithful God, we confess that we give up too easily. We throw our hands in the air and turn away too quickly. We often take the easy way out and fail to wrestle with the hard questions of faith. Keep us on Your way, O God. Keep challenging us to do justice, love mercy, and be humble. Hold us to the covenant you have made with us, to be our God, and for us to be your people. Guide us on this journey of faith, through the valleys and shadows, beyond our doubts and fear. Remind us that you are close to our hearts, always. Amen.

Silent Reflection and Prayer

Choral Response

Hear Us, O Lord

Choir

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: May the peace of Christ be with you. May the hope of God be with you. May the joy of the Spirit be with you. May the love of God abide with you forever. Friends hear the good news – in Jesus Christ you are forgiven! May you know God's forgiveness and mercy, and may you share these gifts with the world.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Greeting and Sharing Christ's Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Amy E. S. Lincoln

Proclaiming God's Word

Children's Message

*Children's Offering will be collected as they come forward for the Message.
All children and youth are invited to Sunday School classes following the Message .
Childcare for infants through two-year-olds available in the nursery, room 11.*

Prayer for Illumination

Janet Fasano

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 26: 1- 11 (pg.584)

Anthem

Surely, He Hath Borne Our Griefs

Victor C. Johnson

Surely, He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon him and with his stripes we are healed!

Gospel Reading

Luke 4: 1 - 13 (pg. 895)

Sermon

Tempted to Forget

Rev. Amy E. S. Lincoln

*Hymn 735

I Need Thee Every Hour

Please list prayers on pink slips located in pew racks - pass them to ushers during the hymn.

Responding to God's Word

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

This Lonesome Valley

Don Besig

Jesus walked this lonesome valley unafraid and all alone. Oh, no one could change what lay before him. He had to face it on his own. Just beyond this lonesome valley on a cross where all could see, He suffered alone while people scorned him, and then He died on Calvary. Nobody knows the trouble and pain; nobody knows like Jesus. All of us share the guilt and shame. Father, please forgive us. We know you died to set us free. Life is full of lonesome valleys, times of grief and things unknown; but Jesus is here to stand beside us. He will not let us walk alone.

*Doxology (hymn 607)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow: praise Christ all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Gracious Giver of all gifts, in this holy moment make us aware, not so much of what we have given as of all we have received and so have yet to share. Let your generosity so flow through us, that our lives will be gifts given freely and abundantly in joy and thanksgiving. Amen.

Prayers of the People and 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending the Faithful Into God's World

*Hymn 307 God of Grace and God of Glory

*Charge and Benediction

Response Peace Be Yours

Peace be yours. May the Lord be with you as we gather now and your whole life through, blessing and mercy and wholeness too. May God's peace be yours.

Postlude Solemn Postlude in F Minor George Blake

Next Sunday — March 17, 2019

Second Sunday of Lent

Rev. Amy Lincoln VIM dialogue with MATE's Rev. Thea Kornelius
Chancel Choir presenting two psalm settings — "Come Let Us Sing"
and "Hear My Prayer/O For the Wings of a Dove" by Felix Mendelssohn