

# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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# *Service for the Lord's Day*

First Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2019

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Lord, may I grow more confident in your love throughout these forty days.*

## *Gathering*

**PRELUDE**

Selected

**WELCOME**

Rev. Michele R. Goff

**\*INTROIT #275**

*“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (v.1)*

Luther, 1529

**\*OPENING SENTENCES - Responsive**

Liturgist - Carol Scoggins

In the season of Lent, we lay down our heavy burdens,  
*for the weight of the world is not ours to carry, and the life of the church is not ours to save.*  
Repent and believe,  
*for the calling of Christ leads us to follow, and the grace of God offers us transformation.*  
Let us worship God.

**\*HYMN #275**

*“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (v.2-4)*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin. Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

**CONFESSION**

In the name of Christ, I urge you: Be reconciled to God. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin, first in silence, then in unison.

**SILENT REFLECTION**

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*God of grace and mercy, you create a new order for our lives: service before success, faith before knowledge, partnership over independence, the cross over the crown. Forgive us when we fall into the patterns of this world, rejecting your call through our action or inaction. Forgive us, God, and move us to see the world in the light of your great love. Forgive us, God, and grant us peace.*

**LORD HAVE MERCY**

Kyrie Eleison

*“Lord, have mercy upon us,  
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.”*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Listen, the time has come at last. Look, now is the day of salvation! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
*Thanks be to God.*

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

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*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.*

*Word*

**HYMN #166**

*“Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days”*

Hernaman, 1873

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Bibles,p.174/LG.p.226

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE**

Romans 10:8b-13

Bibles,p.150/LG.p.194

We proclaim Christ crucified- the wisdom and power of God.

*Thanks be to God.*

**HYMN #61**

*“Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect”*

Landis, 1987

**GOSPEL SCRIPTURE**

Luke 4:1-13

Bibles, p.57/ LG. p.74

The Word of God for the people of God.

*Thanks be to God.*

## SERMON

Rev. Michele R. Goff

## *Sending*

### DESCRIPTION OF PRAISE

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we bend our knees and lift up our hearts, giving glory to God forever. *Amen.*

### \*HYMN #839

*“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”*

Crosby, 1873

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - UNISON

*The Affirmation of Faith is adapted from the Confession of 1967 (9.21)*

*The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.*

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - Responsive

Our response this morning is: *hear our prayer.*

## *Response*

### INVITATION TO OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

Selected

### \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Let us dedicate the offering together:

*You have shown us, O God, the sacrifice that you desire. Now use these gifts— and use our lives— to liberate the oppressed, to break the bonds of injustice, to feed the hungry, welcome the poor, and unite the human family; all in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

\*HYMN #543 *“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me” (v.1-3)*

Colligan, 2004

### \*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*RESPONSE #543 *“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me” (v.4-5)*

### POSTLUDE

Selected

(\* Those who are able may stand.  
*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.