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First Sunday in Lent



"Turnaround Only," Texas Department of Transportation

Jesus looked at him carefully and loved him. He said, "You are lacking one thing. Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor. Then you will have treasure in heaven. And come, follow me." But the man was dismayed at this statement and went away saddened, because he had many possessions.." Mark 10:21-22 (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Welcome to our service of worship. Although we are worshipping in a variety of locations, we still affirm that God is present in our worship, whether in-person or virtually. Our prayer is that all who worship with us this day will truly feel the presence of God in this time. Know that you are loved and we are so glad you are here! Parts of today's liturgy are from Ruth Burgess and Chris Polhill, *Eggs and Ashes: Practical and Liturgical Resources for Lent and Holy Week*, (Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2004); and *LiturgyLink*, <https://www.liturgylink.net>.*

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *Jesus Paid it All*

ADAM MASON/TUNE: ALL TO CHRIST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN #8:** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

GEORG WEISSEL

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates,
Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here!

Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heaven's employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide
My heart to Thee: here, Lord, abide.
Let me Thy inner presence feel;
Thy grace and love in me reveal.

***OPENING SENTENCES**

"OPENING AND CLOSING RESPONSES FOR SUNDAYS IN LENT," RUTH BURGESS

Creator God
Walking in the garden
Breathe life into us

Tempted God
Praying in the desert
Breathe life into us

Holy God
Travelling towards the city
Breathe life into us

***INVITATION TO A HOLY LENT**

THOM SHUMAN

Beloved in Christ,
at the time of the Christian Passover,
we celebrate our deliverance from sin and death
through the death and resurrection
of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Lent is the season of preparation
for this great celebration,
the means by which we renew our life
in the Paschal mystery.
We begin our Lenten journey
by acknowledging our need for repentance,
for in penitence,
we name those things
which damage us and others
for what they really are,
and we open ourselves
to the One whose love knows no boundaries
and whose mercy is demonstrated to us
in the life of Jesus Christ.

***By taking an honest look at our lives,
and repenting of our humanness;
by praying quietly
but with full hearts;
by letting go of those things that harm us
and by taking on the works of love for others;
by reading and feasting on God's Word,
we observe a holy Lent,
and prepare ourselves for the passion
of Holy Week
and the joy of Easter.***

Let us prepare ourselves
to come to our God.

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ROM. 10:8; 2 COR 5:18-19

The Word is near to us,
on our lips and in our hearts.
All of this is from God,
who entrusts us with the message of reconciliation.
Thanks be to God.

ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

PSALM 19:7-10

PEW BIBLE, 677

MARK 10:17-31

PEW BIBLE, 1230

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

AN OFFERING OF OUR PLEDGES

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY #592:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

THOMAS KEN

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.

*BLESSING OUR GIFTS

***HYMN OF THE DAY #324:** *Open My Eyes That I May See*

CLARA H. SCOTT

Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.

Refrain:

Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes (ears, heart), illumine me,
Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
Everything false will disappear. **(Refrain)**

Open my mouth, and let me bear,
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share. **(Refrain)**

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

"YOUR PATH, YOUR WAY," LUCUS KEPPEL

Let us come together to tell the truth about ourselves.

God of all creation, following your path is not easy. It seems to us that you never take the easy way – indeed, your Way is always surprising. Forgive us our blind stumbling, and guide us back to your path. Call out to us, as you have to our ancestors in the faith. When we see you, do not run up ahead, but enfold us in your arms, even if just for a moment. O Dearest God – even when we are turned away from you, we yearn for your love and peace.

Silent Prayer

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

When we read the scriptures that heaven opened, and God spoke to Jesus "You are my beloved child, with whom I am well pleased," it is good for us to hear these words as though God were speaking them to us, too. Because we are God's beloved children – and God has sent Christ into the world that we might experience eternal life, eternal love, and eternal peace. Let us follow the Way ever more closely, knowing that God loves us dearly with every step we take.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE: *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

JOHN NEWTON

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *Instead of Me*

PHIL & LYNNE BROWER/ARR. BY DON WYRTZEN

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *"Turn Around"*

REV. PHILLIPS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Throughout Lent, we will hold a period of silent prayer and reflection during our Prayers of the People. This time will be opened and closed in song. During the closing song, you are invited to come forward to light a tealight to represent your prayer. Each week you will be invited to pray on a different theme. This week, you are invited to pray for our world.

#471 (Glory to God): *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

TAIZÉ COMMUNITY

O Lord, hear my prayer.
O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer.
O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.

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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

***CLOSING HYMN #387:** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

WILLIAM B. BRADBURY

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor;
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
Eith Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

***SENDING**

"OPENING AND CLOSING RESPONSES FOR SUNDAYS IN LENT," RUTH BURGESS

Mysterious God
Maker and encourager
Surprise us with angels

Revealing God
Questioner and caller
Surprise us with stories

Breathing God
Dancer and delighter
Surprise us with joy

POSTLUDE: *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

ERIC LEWIS-BASED ON THE TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL

** Please stand in body or spirit.*



Our Faith Community @ Work

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sundays, 9:45am Bible 101 Part 2: The New Testament – Evie C. Marshall Room

We're back this Sunday! With a brand New Testament! Join Jon and friends as we continue our Bible 101 survey of the Biblical text, focusing on how it is interpreted, its context, and its content.

All Day Throughout Lent – Stations of the Cross – Recreation Area

The Stations of the Cross have been a part of the Lenten journey of Christians to express their faith in a multisensory way for centuries. You are invited to participate in this ancient tradition of remembering Christ's death by walking an ecumenical version in our Recreation Area this Lenten season.

Thursdays Throughout Lent 11am-1pm – Drive Thru Prayer – Parking Lot

Do you need prayer? You are invited to stop on by our parking lot on Thursdays from 11-1 for prayer with Jon or an elder throughout the Lenten season.

Sundays February 18 – March 17th 11am – Lenten Worship - Sanctuary

The season of Lent. Our Lenten Sunday worship will include extended periods of silent prayer.

Tuesday, February 13th Alamance Co. Mobile Library

The Alamance County Public Libraries mobile library will be in the church parking lot 10:30 – 11:30. Please stop by and “check-out” this wonderful service the library has to share

Saturday, February 24th Men of the Church Brunswick Stew

The Men of the Church are making their Brunswick Stew. Advanced orders are preferred and to place your order, see the sign-up in the Welcome Center or call the church office. It is \$10 a quart and pick-up is after 2pm on Saturday.

Sunday, March 17th 11am – Brunch Church – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 24th 11am - Palm Sunday Service - Sanctuary

Thursday, March 28th 6pm – Maundy Thursday Dinner Church – Fellowship Hall

Come and join us for Dinner Church, a meal and liturgy around the table as we commemorate the Passover meal that Jesus celebrated with his disciples. Come as you are and invite a friend – all are welcome!

Friday, March 29th 6:30pm - Good Friday Seven Last Words - Sanctuary

A service of prayer and reflection on the Seven Last Words. Please note that there will be extended periods of silence and a darkened sanctuary during this service.

Sunday, March 31st 11am Easter Sunday - Sanctuary

Our Easter celebration. Celebrate Jesus' resurrection with us!

This Week's Calendar:

Sunday, February 18th – 1st Sunday in Lent

9:45 – Adult Sunday School - Bible 101 – New Testament Evie C. Marshall classroom

11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

Wednesday, February 21st

6:30 – Choir Practice

All Day Throughout Lent

Stations of the Cross – Recreation Area

Thursdays Throughout Lent

11-1 – Drive Thru Prayer – Church Parking Lot

Sunday, February 25th – 2nd Sunday in Lent

9:45 – Adult Sunday School - Bible 101 – New Testament Evie C. Marshall classroom

11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

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