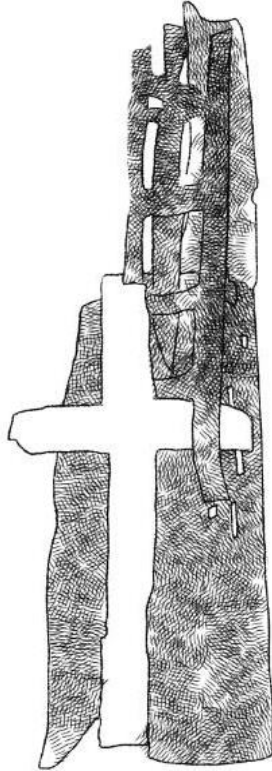


FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 14, 2016



Lent—
The path followed.
The cross considered.
The markers on our way.
The markers left behind.
The heavy stones carried.
The ones we lay down.**

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

PRELUDE

Janelle Arnett Campbell, Accompanist

WELCOME

Ashton Wells, Worship Leader

*HYMN #26

Holy Spirit, come with power

Following this hymn, please remain standing and welcome those around you.

You may be seated upon hearing the sound of the bell.

PRAYER

L: Let us be drawn into the safety of the love of God,
and with the psalmist, let us proclaim:

All: *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.”****

Silent prayer

L: Generous God, you gave us life; now we give our lives back to you.

All: *We present ourselves:
Our work and play,
our joys and sorrows,
our thoughts and deeds,
our gifts and resources,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

HYMN #21 st. 1,2,5

All praise to our redeeming Lord

CHILDREN’S TIME

Ruth Harder

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:1-13
Andrew Moore

HYMN STS #59

From ashes to the living fount

EPISTLE READING

Romans 10:8b-13

SERMON

Why (why not) Christian?

ANTHEM

When we are tested

Duck/Parker

(Please reserve expressions of appreciation for Community Building time)

COMMUNITY BUILDING TIME

SILENT REFLECTION

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Slips of paper are available in the attendance register for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl at the back of the Wesley Room.

OFFERING

Offertory: *Waltz in B minor, op. 60 No 2*
Samuel Harder

Chopin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #483

O God, who gives us life



Children in K - 5th grade are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 114), a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.

*SENDING FORTH

L: Lord, on the way to goodness, when we stumble, hold us,

C: when we are hard pressed by evil, deliver us,

L: when we turn from what is good,

C: turn us back so that we might bring hope and healing to the world.

Amen.***

*POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Songs designated “STS” are in the purple *Sing the Story* hymnal.

**Provided by the Rainbow Visual Arts Committee to go along with the visual displays at the front of the Sanctuary and back of Wesley Room. The metal cross sculpture was a project completed by Arlie Regier and his youth Sunday school class many years ago.

***Based on Psalm 91:1-2

****Adapted from STS #163

Anthem text

When we are tested and wrestle alone,
Famished for bread when the world offers stone,
Nourish us, God, by your word and your way,
Food that sustains us by night and by day.

When in the desert we cry for relief,
Pleading for paths marked by certain belief,
Lift us to love you beyond sign and test,
Trusting your presence, our only true rest.

When we are tempted to barter our souls,
Trading the truth for the power to control,
Teach us to worship and praise only you,
Seeking your will in the work that we do.

When we have struggled and searched through the night,
Sorting and shifting the wrong from the right,
Savior, surround us with circles of care,
Angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.

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