

# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2018



*As Jesus came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying,  
“If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace.”  
-Luke 19:41-42*

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Rosi Penner Kaufman, organist

WELCOME

Duane Graber, worship leader

CALL TO WORSHIP INSPIRED BY PSALM 25

Leader: We lift up our souls to you, Holy God.

**People: We trust the Lord with our past, present, and future.**

Leader: Teach us, Lord, that we may know your ways.

**People: Guide our way, Holy One,  
that we may walk in your paths of love and mercy.**

Leader: Let us worship the One who leads us in what is right.

**All: Together, let us worship God!\*\***

\*HYMN #1

*What is this place*

## WE LISTEN AND LEARN

CHILDREN’S TIME

Ruth Harder

INTRODUCTION TO LENT/SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:9-15

LANDSCAPES, MUSIC, WILDERNESS, RENEWAL AND SEEKING PEACE

Conversation with Rachel Ries (See insert for text of *Holiest Day*)

## **WE ARE INVITED TO THE TABLE**

### **WORDS OF BLESSING AND INVITATION**

#### **SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP**

*Please come forward by the center aisle, take the bread and dip it in the cup of juice. Return by the side aisle. To receive a blessing in lieu of partaking in the bread and cup, please present yourself with hands folded. Gluten free crackers and grapes are also available.*

\*HYMN #411

*I bind my heart this tide*

## **WE RESPOND AND SHARE**

#### **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 front of the sanctuary.*

#### **OFFERING**

## **WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



*During the season of Lent, children in K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 114) during announcement time. WorshipArts is a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.*

*Please take time to read the announcements printed in newsnotes today. If you did not have time to submit a written announcement, or if something new needs highlighting, please hand your written announcement to the worship leader or pastor before the worship service. These announcements will then be shared from up front as opposed to passing the microphone.*

## SENDING FORTH PRAYER, HYMN AND POSTLUDE

*During the season of Lent, we ask that after the hymn the congregation remain seated for the postlude as opportunity for further reflection and contemplation. We will be dismissed by the worship leader.*

### Peace to You

Peace to you, my loved ones, peace to you, my friends.  
Peace con-founds the wealth - y; peace lifts up the poor.  
Peace is grace in ac - tion; peace is love in deeds.

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Peace that Je - sus prom - ised; peace that nev - er ends.  
Peace dis - rupts the might - y; peace is heav - en's door.  
Peace be - comes a gar - den; peace springs up from seeds.

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Peace to those who curse us; peace to those we fear.  
Peace comes from the Spir - it; peace comes like a breath.  
Peace to all God's crea - tures; peace to land and sea.

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Peace to far - off na - tions; peace to neigh - bors here.  
Peace re - veals a new world; peace does not fear death.  
Peace that fills the cos - mos; peace that sets us free.

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\*Please stand as you are able.

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

As we sing, please use language that makes worship most meaningful, enriching and inclusive.

\*\*Written by Amy Loving, and posted on The Worship Closet

Now **Here** God

Here is a place for worship reflections. What are you sensing about God in the here and now?  
What words, images or questions do you want to take with you into this new week?

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