



First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Lord, to You My Soul is Lifted" (Genevan 25) arr. The Psalm Project

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. For he didn't consider equality with God something to be grasped, but he emptied himself, even unto death on a cross. As we wait for the day of resurrection let us look to Jesus.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: In you, Lord my God, I put my trust.

All: I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame.

Liturgist: Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.

All: Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are my God and my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.
Psalm 25:1-5 adapted

* **All Singing: 521 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing: 134 "Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights"**
Singing verses 1, 3, 4, and 5

Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for "God Loves Me" and "Children in Worship."

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

Reconciliation

Liturgist: Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from old.

All: **Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.**

Liturgist: For the sake of your name, Lord, forgive my iniquity, though it is great.

All: **Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted, relieve me from the troubles of my heart and free me from my anguish. Look on my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins.**

Psalm 25:7, 11, 16-18 adapted

Silent Confession and Reflection

All Singing: **“Trisagion”**

**Holy God, holy and mighty, Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy, have mercy on us.**

Liturgist: Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

All: **We are saved by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand – with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.**
1 Peter 3:18, 22

* All Singing: **682 “Before the Throne of God”**

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **Lord, you are good and upright; instruct us in your way, guide us in what is right, teach us – for you are our God, the One whom we trust. Amen.**

Psalm 25:8-9 adapted

Scripture: Mark 1:9-15

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Turn, Trust, Follow

* All Singing: **121 “Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult”**

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Unity Christian Academy

OFFERTORY “My Jesus, I Love Thee”

Anna Laura Page

* All Singing: **965 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Communion

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All Singing: 840 “Behold the Lamb”

“We Will Feast in the House of Zion”
Soloist singing verses, all singing refrain

S. McCracken

**We will feast in the house of Zion,
We will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more.**

We will not be burned by the fire, he is the Lord, our God
We are not consumed by the flood. Upheld, protected, gathered up. *Refrain*

In the dark of night, before the dawn my soul, be not afraid,
For the promised morning, oh, how long? O God of Jacob, be my strength. *Refrain*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, you are the faithful One.
And from the garden and to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom. *Refrain*

Sending

* BENEDICTION

Postlude: “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High” David N. Johnson

Worship Leaders

Organist:	Dora Diephouse	Acolyte:	Beckham Van Wyngarden
Pianist / Vocalist:	Erin Pacheco	Liturgists:	Jim Achterhof
Vocalist:	Sarah Rinkenberger	Prayer:	Dan Quist
Guitar:	Ty Hillemonds		
Alto Saxophone:	Danielle Murawski		
Percussion:	Clay Carlson		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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