

First Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2019 11:00 a.m.

God Most High, thank you for the signs of your power and grace, shown to us even in the wilderness. Give us courage to stand firm in your Word in every time of trial and testing.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

The journey begins in the wilderness.

We follow the way of Jesus,
who faced trials, trouble, temptation and testing.

Like Jesus we are not alone.

The Holy Spirit is with us. God's Word is on our lips.

Our call is to trust in God alone,

to do God's will in all things.

For God leads us not only into the wilderness,

but also through the wilderness.

GOD'S GREETING

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Lift Up Your Hearts 43*

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

Tune: CWM RHONDDA

*SHARING THE PEACE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Hebrews 4:15-16

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

**O God, our refuge and fortress,
forgive us when we fail to trust in you.**

We fall to temptation;

we are swayed by false words;

we speak false words of our own.

In turning from you,

we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend.

Forgive us we pray.

Hear us when we call to you and show us your salvation.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Romans 10:8b-13

GRATEFUL LIVING *(responsively)*

I am the Lord your God,
who brought you out of Egypt,
out of the land of slavery.

You shall have no other gods before me.

**I sincerely acknowledge
the only true God, trust him alone,**

**look to him for every good thing,
humbly and patiently, and love him, fear him,
and honor him with all my heart.**

**In short, I will give up anything rather
than go against God's will in any way.**

STAR GIFT

CHILDREN'S TIME

SONG *Lift Up Your Hearts 129* (vs. 1)
We Will Follow

Tune: SOMLANDELA

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

PSALM READING:

Psalm 91:1-2

Lift Up Your Hearts 459 (vs. 1)

Within the Shelter of the Lord

Tune: YE BANKS AND BRAES

Psalm 91:9-12

Lift Up Your Hearts 459 (vs. 2)

Within the Shelter of the Lord

Tune: YE BANKS AND BRAES

Psalm 91:13-16

Lift Up Your Hearts 459 (vs. 3)

Within the Shelter of the Lord

Tune: YE BANKS AND BRAES

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 4:1-13

p. 61

This is the Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*HYMN OF ILLUMINATION *Lift Up Your Hearts 115*

Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

Tune: GENEVA

SERMON

“God Is on the Move...into the Desert”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

THE REPONSE TO GOD

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(responsively)*

Jesus the Christ

you refused to turn stones into bread.

Save us from using our power,

however little,

to satisfy the demands of selfishness

in the face of the greater needs of others.

Jesus the Christ,

you refused to leap from the temple top.

Save us from displaying our skills,

however modest,

to win instant popularity

in the face of nobler calls on our abilities.

Jesus the Christ,

you refused to bend the knee to a false god.

Save us from offering our devotion,

however weak,

to cheap or easy religion

in the face of the harder path

on which you bid us to follow you.

Jesus the Christ,

give us wisdom to discern evil,

and in the face of all that is deceptively attractive

help us to choose the will of God. Amen.

MOMENT FOR MISSION AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Philip Godfrey

Lord, who hast formed me out of mud, and hast redeemed me through thy blood,

And sanctified me to do good, purge all my sins done here-to-fore:

For I confess my heavy score, and I will strive to sin no more.

Enrich my heart, mouth, hands in me, with faith, with hope, with charity;
That I may run with thee, that I run, rise, rest with thee.
—George Herbert

*DOXOLOGY *Lift Up Your Hearts 965*

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & 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.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION *Lift Up Your Hearts 134* (vs. 1-4)

Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights

Tune: TALLIS CANON

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

+Latecomers will be seated. *You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Joyce Fry, liturgist; Marcia Forsman, star gift; Gene Heideman, prayer of illumination; Sanctuary Choir; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY

VBS PLANNING TEAM THIS TUESDAY: Everyone is invited to join us for our first VBS 2019 planning meeting THIS Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. as we consider what theme and lessons we would like to do this year. Middle school and High school youth are also encouraged to join the planning team. VBS is tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 29 through Thursday, August 1.

LENTEN FAMILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET: The Lenten family devotional booklet, “Do You See the Savior?” is available for all families to pick up and use during this Lenten season. This devotional is especially designed for families with preschool and elementary children. You can find the booklets in the Gathering Place.



Today is the First Sunday of Lent. Our theme for Lent is: “God on the Move.”

As we respond to God on the Move, our Lenten small groups are based on the theme “Return to Me.” Tonight we have small groups, at 6:00 p.m., at the church and at Freedom Village. Stop by the table in the Gathering Place for more information.

TODAY

We welcome all who worship with us and ask visitors and members to sign the Friendship Folders so that we may get to know one another. Visitors please stop by the Welcome Center and then join us in the Gathering Place for refreshments and fellowship after the worship service.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Lucille Schroeder and Jeff Munroe will be available to pray with you following today's worship service. Please make your way to the Place of Prayer following the service (located in the south hallway on the main level).

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons: (11:00) Jane Keeter, Andy Mulder, Sandy Stielstra, Jane Osman.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Andy & Jane Zoerman.

There will be no education this morning due to the All Church Retreat.

WORSHIP CENTER PROGRAM: During the 8:30 service, Worship Center will be provided on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. During the 11:00 service, there will be only one Worship Center open for all children, aged 4-2nd grade, provided each Sunday. It will take place in Room 2 (Previously the older Worship Center room).

ADORACION EN ESPAÑOL: Alabamos al Señor! Les invitamos a un encuentro de adoración y predicación en español este mes Marzo (los domingos 3, 10, 17, y 24) a la 1:00 pm. Favor de invitar sus familiares y vecinos-- todos son bienvenidos! Este semana (3 de marzo) nos reuniremos en el Salon de los Jóvenes.

(Translation: WORSHIP IN SPANISH: Let's praise the Lord! You are invited to a gathering for worship and preaching in Spanish this month of March (Sundays 3, 10, 17, and 24) at 1:00 pm. Please invite your family and friends-- all are welcome! This week (March 3) we will gather in the Youth Room.)

The Week Ahead

Sunday

10:00 a.m. TRC Ringers
1:00 p.m. Spanish Worship Gathering
6:00 p.m. Lenten Book Discussion

Monday

12:00 p.m. Blood Drive
1:30 p.m. Miriam Bible Study
7:00 p.m. History Book Group

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. Ruth Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
10:00 a.m. Hannah/Elizabeth Bible Study
12:00 p.m. Lydia Bible Study
7:00 p.m. VBS Team Meeting
7:30 p.m. Outreach Team Meeting

Wednesday

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints
8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers
1:30 p.m. Rachel Bible Study
5:30 p.m. LIFT Dinner
6:15 p.m. LIFT Children's Classes/Middle School Youth Group
6:30 p.m. Bilingual Bible Study and Prayer Group/LIFT Adult Classes

Thursday

6:20 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministries
7:00 p.m. Lenten Book Discussion at Linda Walvoord deVelder's

Friday

10:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group

Congregational News

Share your prayer concerns by using the prayer request cards found on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Place the requests in the prayer box or offering plate. Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.

Please remember to have someone notify the church office when you are in the hospital so you can receive spiritual care by the pastoral staff. Call 392-1459.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT: This weekend about 100 people from Third Reformed Church are retreating at Camp Geneva. Your prayers for their safe return home today would be appreciated.

SYMPATHY is extended to Elton and Elaine Bruins in the death of Elton's sister, Cynthia Redeker on March 6.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Spectrum Downtown-Theresa Hamm; St. Mary's Hospital-Marla VerHulst. Hospice Care-Frank Pettinga, Jill Slenk, Ray Snyder, Walter Thome. Out of Town-Arleen Hewlett (Traverse City) Missionaries-Jeff & Chelsea Lampen (Romania), Andy Nakajima (Ministry with Japanese of West Michigan).

THIRD SUNDAY FOR HUNGER: Next Sunday, March 17, non-perishable food and other necessities will be collected for our monthly food drive. Donated items can be placed in the designated box in the Gathering Place.

THIRD SUNDAY PIZZA LUNCH will be next Sunday, March 17, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

BLOOD DRIVE: Sign up today in the Gathering Place to give blood at the Blood Drive on Monday, March 11, 12:00-5:45 p.m.

HISTORY BOOK CLUB: The next gathering of the History Book Club will be Monday March 11 in the Third Reformed Church library at 7:00 p.m., when we will discuss Joseph Ellis's Pulitzer Prize-winning "Founding Brothers," specifically the Preface and the first two or three chapters: The Duel, The Dinner, and The Silence. Discussion questions will be sent out in advance in early March- please contact or email Bruce Bassett at bruce-b@sbcglobal.net if you'd like to receive them in advance (not required to attend discussion!)

HOST FAMILIES needed for Hope College international students coming from Japan in late March for four months. Hosting would involve two weekend stays and a "meet up" in other months. If you are interested, please contact Joyce Magee in the Gathering Place.

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