



1st Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2018 | 8:30 + 11:00 am

We Gather in the Presence of the Risen Savior

Prelude | Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing *setting by Timothy Shaw*

Welcome + Announcements

(11:00) **Introit** | Blessed is He *by Ruth Elaine Schram*

Call to Worship | based on Isaiah 55:2, 11-12; John 4:24

Let us worship God,

for whom our souls thirst and our bodies long.

Listen, listen to me,

and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

We have come to hear the Word God has sent.

God's Word will not return empty but will accomplish through us his holy purpose.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Then we will go out with joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will sing; the trees of the field will clap their hands.

***Gathering Hymn** | Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing *red hymnal, #521*

We Seek Renewal in God's Presence

***Call to Confession**

The Psalmist sings, "The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, will not despise." Let us with broken hearts and spirits confess our sin, first silently and then together.

Silence for personal confession

Hymns + Songs | *Lift Up Your Hearts* (red hymnal)

Bold Print | Speak or sing together in unison

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

***Prayer of Confession**

God of mercy, whose Son, Jesus Christ, longs to gather us in the wide embrace of his love, we confess that we have been wayward children. We have disobeyed your commands; our ears have been deaf to your call; our hearts have been cold to your love. In thought, in word, and in deed we have hurt others and dishonored your name. In your great mercy receive us yet again as your well-beloved children, not because we are worthy, but for the sake of him who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.
In Christ, we are forgiven!

***The Peace | time of greeting**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The Word of the Lord

Psalm | Psalm 25:1-10 *Bible, pg. 436*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Time for Young Disciples | Heather Woodin, Director of Children's and Family Ministry

Parents who would like to have their children (3 year old-Kindergarten) participate in Children's Time are welcome to accompany their children downstairs during the congregational hymn. Children will be brought back to the sanctuary during the Sending Hymn.

Congregational Hymn | Deliver Me from Evil *red hymnal, #656*

Gospel Lesson | Mark 1:9-15 *Bible, pg. 812*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(8:30) **Choral Response | A Lenten Walk** *by Hal. H. Hopson*

Message | Baptism, Identity, and Deserts *Rev. Kyle Otterbein*

Responding to the Word

(11:00) **Sacrament of Baptism | The Apostles' Creed** *red hymnal, #783b*

Ayla Vashti Aghsae, daughter of Beckie Ann Aghsae and Payam Aghsae

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Prayer requests may be written on a prayer card and placed in the offering plate.

Offertory

(8:30) **I Heard the Voice of Jesus** *setting by Sandra Eithun*
meditate on text: *red hymnal, #665*

(11:00) **We Cannot Measure How You Heal** *setting by Sandra Eithun*
meditate on text: *red hymnal, #446*

***Offertory Response | Doxology** *red hymnal, #965*

**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.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People + 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.

Sending

***Sending Hymn | Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer** *red hymnal, #660*

***Charge + Blessing**

***Postlude | Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer** *setting by Timothy Shaw*

You are invited to remain for the postlude. Soli Deo Gloria! Glory to God Alone!

If you desire a personal time of prayer, we're here to pray with you and for you. Please join a prayer partner at the Prayer Room at the back of the Sanctuary immediately following the worship service.

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Kyle Otterbein, *pastor*

Matthew Penning, *director of music*

Logos Choir, Tamera Penning (piano)

Resound!

Kristen DeGrazia, *assistant director of music*

Jubilate Ringers

Grace Notes

(8:30) Ellen Anne Yanik; (11:00) Cecilia Norris, *worship leaders*

Announcements

Welcome! We are happy to have you here with us today. If you would like more information about St. Andrew, please indicate your interest on the Connection Card. Join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments after the service. This is a wonderful way to meet the St. Andrew family.

All ages are welcomed in our worship services. Worship materials for children and adults, including large print hymnals, bibles, and bulletins are available on the shelves outside the north sanctuary doors. A T-Coil hearing assist loop is also available for those with this feature on their hearing aids.

If needed, **infant and toddler care** (up to age 2) is provided downstairs in the Nursery. Children's Time, for ages 3 years through Kindergarten, is also downstairs.

Connection Cards are one way we can extend welcome and hospitality to our guests while also helping us consider steps we can take in the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. We ask each person to fill out the card and place it in the offering plate. Members, once your contact information is correct, you only need to write your name. As my next step today, I will . . .

- ◇ Read and pray through a Lenten devotional with my household/friends.
- ◇ Read through the gospel of Mark and attend our Gospel Gathering on Sunday nights at 6:30 pm.
- ◇ Be willing to be contacted about being an usher or greeter to learn more.
- ◇ Pray through Lent for the victims of gun violence and the end of a culture of guns and will to power.

Prayer Requests may be written on a blue Prayer Request Card and placed in the offering plate.

The **flowers** this morning are given by the Engelhardt family.

Sunday School Line Up: Christian education for **children and youth** will meet in the lower level. **One of our adult education classes**, led by Elder Bethany Lagani entitled "What Would Jesus Say? Being a Christian in an Age of Political, Cultural, and Social Division," will meet downstairs in the youth room. **Our other adult education class**, led by our Stephen Ministers on Christian caregiving, will meet in Room 103.

Lenten Suppers: We will hold our annual Lenten Suppers on Thursdays through Lent, sharing a potluck meal at 5:30 pm and then moving to a time of devotions and prayer from 6:15 to 6:45 pm. The famous *spark* mac and cheese will be served, but please bring a generous dish to share as well.

The Sunday Gospel Gathering continues this evening at 6:30 in the Sanctuary. Pastor Kyle will lead us chapter by chapter through the Gospel of Mark. Teaching, conversation, and questions will last for one hour, but Kyle will stay around until 8:30 for those who would like (and may have ETC youth). You are encouraged to bring a Bible to read (NRSV, ESV, or NIV would be best) along with a journal or notebook to capture your notes, thoughts, questions, and insights!

There's still time to sign up for our **Men's Retreat** which will be held Saturday, March 3. Former member, Rev. Kip Murphy, will be the keynote speaker. For more information, Contact Graham Dameron at graham3076@gmail.com.

