

+ GATHERING AROUND THE WORD +

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ PEACE

PRELUDE

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

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.**

✦ HYMN #43 "You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord (On Eagle's Wings)"

CALL TO CONFESSION

God is faithful, leading us into freedom,
but we are conditioned to the slavery of sin.

Comfortable with the way things are,

we lose sight of the way God intends them to be.

We bring our confession before the One
who is more powerful than Pharaoh in Egypt,
mightier than the devil in the wilderness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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.

We choose our ease and comfort

over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world.

In turning from you,

we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend.

Forgive us, we pray.

Do not let us be put to shame, O God.

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

[continue in silence, personal confession...]

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Scripture declares,

The Lord is generous to all who call on God's name.

Friends, believe the good news:

**God does not turn away from us,
but desires to bring us into the glorious freedom
offered in Jesus Christ.**

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Thanks be to God!

✦ RESPONSE Verse 1 of Hymn #169 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

✦ HYMN #166

"Lord Who throughout These Forty Days"

+ PROCLAIMING THE WORD +

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

◆ GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:1-13

SERMON

+ RESPONDING TO THE WORD +

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

◆ DOXOLOGY #606

◆ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+ BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD +

◆ HYMN #175

"Seek Ye First"

◆ BENEDICTION

◆ POSTLUDE

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◆ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

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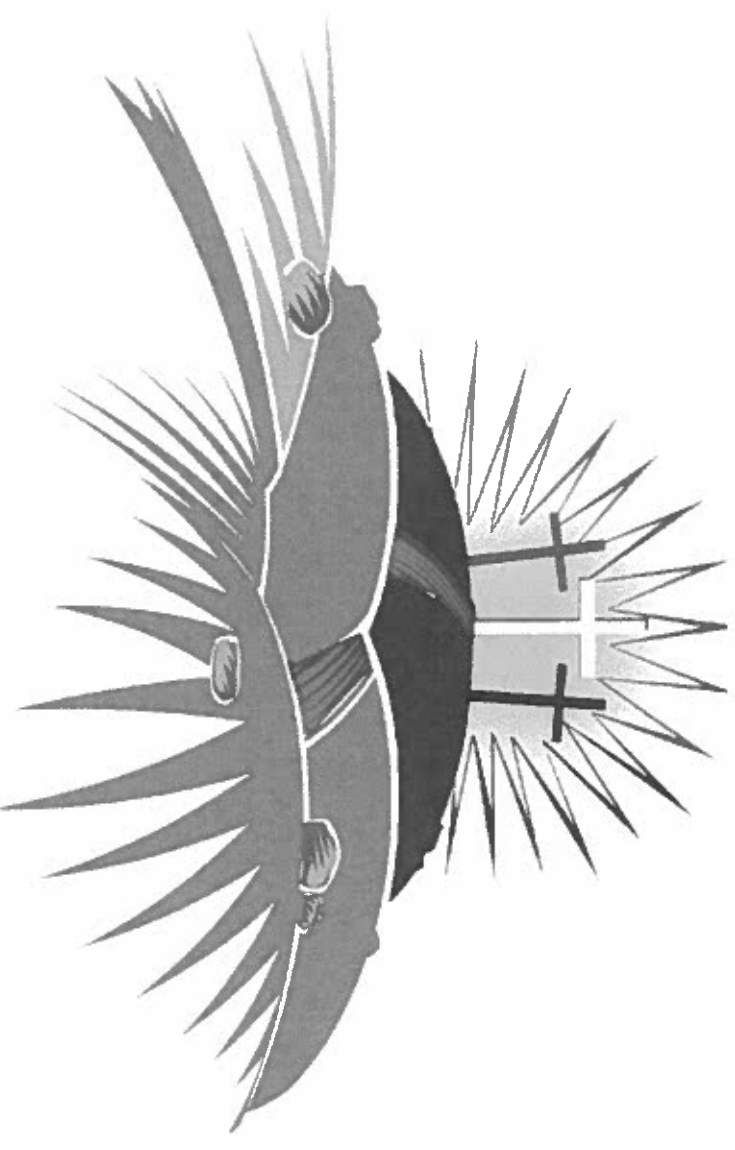
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Sunday, March 10, 2019
First Sunday in Lent

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