

Sunday, March 5, 2017

First Sunday of Lent

8:30am

As the prelude plays, silently come into the Lord's presence.
Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ
who is here to meet you today.
"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE *"Go to Dark Gethsemane"* – Bingham

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 62*

Leader: For God alone our souls wait in silence.
People: From God comes our salvation.
Leader: God alone is our rock, our salvation, and our fortress.
Unison: We shall never be shaken.

*HYMN *"The Church's One Foundation"* No. 442

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION
God of many names, we come before You because You are good. We praise You because You are worthy and deserving of our worship. We give You thanks that You created us from the dust, and that one day, to dust we shall return. We confess that we often allow sinful systems of power to have control in our lives. We confess that we often cast blame upon others when we are just as complicit. We confess that pride has taken the place of humility. We confess that we have believed the serpent instead of You. We confess that in our sin we have hidden ourselves. We know You are asking "Where are you?" Forgive us for hiding ourselves, for all of this, and more. In the name of the Holy Trinity, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE
[Please share Christ's peace with one another with handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]

*HYMN *"Spirit of the Living God"*
**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Karen Bachman

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Genesis 3:1-7 (OT p2)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Romans 3:21-26 (NT p154)*

SERMON **ROMANS: FAITH FOR DUMMIES** Rev. Robert Bronkema
"The Original Sin"

*HYMN *"Go to Dark Gethsemane"* No. 97

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD
OFFERTORY *"The Wonder of Grace"* – Choplin Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY
*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.*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution
Welcome
Distribution
**[Worshippers: please hold the bread, that we may eat together as Christ's one people.
Please drink as you are ready,
in acknowledgment of our individual standing before the Lord.]*

*ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *"Fanfare in C Major"* – Johnson

NEXT WEEK
Psalm 25:6-12
Romans 4:1-8
"When Forgiveness Hurts You"

11:00am

Greeting & Announcements

*Praise & Worship

*Everlasting God
Desert Song
Hosanna*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message: Karen Bachman

*(For those who wish, children grades 1-4 can leave for children's church at this time.
Preschoolers are welcome to stay in church or go with the Preschool teachers to Fellowship Hall)*

Scripture Readings

Genesis 3:1-7; Romans 3:21-26

Sermon

The Original Sin

Communion

*Offering/Closing Song

You Are Great

*Benediction

SERMON NOTES:
