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Sunday, February 18, 2018

First Sunday in 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 *"La Grace"* - Telemann

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 102*

Leader: Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry come to You.

People: **Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my distress. Incline Your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call.**

*HYMN *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"* No. 487

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God and Father of humankind, we thank You and praise You for shining Your light into our darkness and sending us Your Holy Word to guide us. We confess that our attachment to worldly things threatens to overcome us and is getting in the way of our freedom to serve You. Forgive us and shine the light of Your love into our cluttered corners. Help us let go of everything but You as we place our feet on the road toward Easter. We pray in the name of the Son who possessed nothing yet had everything, Jesus. 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

(For those who wish, children grades 1-4 can leave for children's church at this time.)

COMMISSIONING OF HOUSTON MISSION TEAM

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Judges 4:17-22 (OT p221)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Mark 14:3-9 (NT p51)*

SERMON **SERMON SERIES: LENT IN MARK** Rev. Robert K. Bronkema
"Valuing the Presence of Jesus"

*HYMN *"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"* No. 78

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *"I Will Rejoice"* – Martin Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*HYMN *"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"* No. 538

*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

*POSTLUDE *"Fantasia on 'Adoro Te Devote'"* - Boely

Next Week

Judges 16:4-5

Mark 14:10-11

"Opportunity Knocks"

11:00am

Greeting & Announcements (Commissioning of Houston Mission Team)

*Praise & Worship

This is Amazing Grace

Cast My Cares

One Thing Remains

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

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Scripture Readings

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Sermon

"Valuing the Presence of Jesus"

*Offering/Closing Song

Be Thou My Vision

*Benediction

SERMON NOTES:
