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Sunday, March 1, 2020

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 *"Prelude and Fugue in E Minor"* – Bach

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 25

Leader: Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind.

People: For Your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to You.

*HYMN *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*

No. 487

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God, we thank You and praise You for Your Word that establishes the pathway for our journey during Lent. We confess that despite Your Word, we will wander our own way. We will test all boundaries, we will rebel, we will hear You and return, and we will go away again. Forgive us, and help us as we journey forward in faith. We pray together in the name of the one who always walks this pilgrimage with us, Jesus Christ. 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

David Griffith

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

ANTHEM

"The Returning" – Parker

Chancel Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Joel 2:12-17 (OT p487)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:1-6 (NT p5)

SERMON

"The Journey Begins"

Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

No. 388

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Lamb of God, Pure and Holy" – Telemann

*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.*

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

"In Thee Lord, Have I Put My Trust" – Bach

11:00 Service

Greeting & Announcements

*Praise & Worship

Head to the Heart

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Lord, I Need You

Prayer & Peace

Special Music: Great Beginnings Preschool children

Children's Message: David Griffith

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

First Scripture Reading: Joel 2:12-17

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:1-6

Sermon: *"The Journey Begins"*

*Offering/Closing Song

I Surrender All

*Benediction



Next Week

2 Chronicles 7:12-18

Acts 22:23-29

"Using Your Citizenship to Your Advantage"