

**First Sunday in Lent**  
10:00 a.m. February 18, 2024

Entering God's Presence

Welcome, Life in the Community, and Ritual of Friendship

\*Hymn 65                    **Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**                    CWM RHONDDA

\*Trusting in God's Grace

*Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?*

**People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

*Leader: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!*

**People: "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"**

*Leader: Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me.*

**People: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.**

*Leader: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage;*

**People: Wait for the Lord!** (Congregation seated.) (Psalm 27)

Lenten Introit                    **Wait for the Lord** [Ps. 27] (Hymn 90)                    Taizé  
*Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.*  
*Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!*

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

**Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sin and ask your forgiveness. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us.**

**Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Lenten Wreath                    **Pange Lingua Gloriosi Corporis Mysterium**                    Thomas Aquinas  
(The first candle on the Lenten Wreath is extinguished for the First Sunday in Lent)

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

\*Hymn 166                    **Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days**                    ST. FLAVIAN

Ordination and Installation of Elders-elect

\*The Apostle's Creed (*Traditional Version*, Page 35) and **Gloria Patri** (No. 581)

***I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.***

Psalm 91 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 518 in the pew Bible.]

Anthem                    **When Jesus Wept**                    arr. Douglas Wagner

Matthew 4:1-11 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 3 in the pew Bible.]

Sermon                    **Jesus: The Face of God**                    The Rev. Vance E. Polley

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\*At the Presentation                    **Doxology** (No. 606)                    OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication, concluding with *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.***

\*Hymn 298                    **Lord, You Give the Great Commission**                    ABBOT'S LEIGH

\*Benediction and Choral Benediction                    **Take, O Take Me as I Am** (Hymn 698)

\*Going Out into the World

\*Those that are able, please stand.