

*"My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."  
Psalm 91:2*

# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



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**February 21, 2021**

**Meet with us online or via phone at 10 am:  
Look under "Updates" on our site to join online  
or call 312-626-6799 and when prompted  
enter the Meeting ID: 942 617 477 (followed by #).  
When asks for a Participant ID number, dial #.  
On the phone, dial \*6 to mute or unmute yourself.  
If asked for a password, enter 3410.**

*Liturgy from Thom M. Shuman: [lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com](http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com)*

## *Service for the Lord's Day*

### *Words of Welcome & Announcements*

#### *Call to Worship*

One: Here, at the outer limits of Lent, we are called to walk:

**Many: to the paper-thin edges which cut us to the soul; to the workplaces which weary us; to the people who confuse us; to the faith which threatens us.**

One: Here, at the corner of Steadfast Love and Faithfulness, we are called to wait:

**Many: when our clenched stomachs awaken us; in the moments of unbearable sorrow; with the angels who would carry us.**

One: Here, where time is fulfilled, where God's Kingdom is as near to us

**Many: as our neighbor, we begin Lent: with the Beloved, whose tears wash away our fears, with the God who will not let go of our hands.**

#### *Hymn #84*

#### *"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*

#### *Prayer of Confession*

Forgive

the silly sins of childhood,  
the exuberant sins of adolescence,  
the faded sins of aging;

forgive

the sins we shout in the streets,  
the sins we whisper to ourselves;

forgive

the sins we didn't give a second thought to,  
the sins we plot in the middle of the night;

forgive

the flood of sins which threaten us,  
the wilderness of sin which we offer to others,  
the sin which seeks to imprison us:

forgive.

Forgive us, Good and Gentle God,  
forgive us and have mercy on us,  
so we might walk the path of faithfulness  
with Jesus, to Jerusalem and beyond,  
so we might know your steadfast love in our lives.

#### *Assurance of Pardon*

#### *Response*

*"Gloria Patri"*

***Passing the Peace***

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

**Many: and also, with you.**

One: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

***Prayer of Illumination***

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen

**Scripture:** Mark 1:9-20

**Sermon:** "Thirteen Disciples" Reverend Wynn Ward

**Hymn #80, "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"**

**Affirmation of Faith** *the Apostles' Creed*

***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.***

**Offering** Checks may be mailed to the church or donate online.

**Response of Praise** "Doxology"

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**As for us, Holy God, we offer our gifts to bring healing to the broken, hope to those in despair, light to those in shadows, and grace for all your people. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn #78 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"**

**Charge and Benediction**