

First Sunday in Lent
10:00 a.m. March 9, 2025

Entering God's Presence

Welcome, Life in the Community, and Ritual of Friendship

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

*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 **What Wondrous Love Is This** (Hymn 215, verse 1) WONDROUS LOVE
(The first candle on the Lenten Wreath is extinguished for the First Sunday in Lent)

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

*Hymn 175 **Seek Ye First** LAFFERTY

*Affirmation of Faith and **Gloria Patri** (No. 581)

Christ Jesus though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death—even death on a Cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen. (Phil. 2:5-11)

Psalm 139:1-12 (RSV) [You will find the text on page 545 in the pew Bible.]

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

Luke 4:1-13 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 57 in the pew Bible.]

Sermon **On the Way to the Cross: Temptation of Jesus** The Rev. Vance E. Polley

Ministry of Prayer [Text prayer requests to: (843) 437-4239]

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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 177 **I Will Come to You** YOU ARE MINE

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

*Going Out into the World

*Those that are able, please stand.