

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 6, 2022 9:00 AM



CHURCH LIFE UPDATE

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SONG OF WORSHIP

All My Fountains

Lift Your Head, Weary Sinner

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One,
We confess that we are half-hearted followers
of your full-hearted son.
We are afraid of rejection,
quick to seek comfort,
easily swayed by the promise of power.

In the silence, remind us that we are known, that you have walked the road we walk, that you offer another way.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 4:1-13

SERMONBeloved and Bewildered Margaret LaMotte Torrence

SONG OF RESPONSEBeautiful Things

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The season of Lent calls us to empty ourselves that we might be filled with something new. It invites us to make space in our heart for God's desire—
You will need strength for the journey that stretches before you.
It can be found at this table.

Hear the words of Jesus: I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never thirst. No one who comes to me will I cast out. Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord. In the broken bread, be revealed again. Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.

Author of life, In every chapter of your people's story you blessed us that we might be a blessing. You asked us to tend your world.

And every time we wandered from your way, you sent prophets and poets and priests to remind us of our holy charge.
When still we would not listen, your mercy took flesh.
You came to dwell among us in fearless love.

Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord. On this thirsty ground, may your love flow down. Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.

In the fullness of time, your fierce and tender love took flesh. You did not come in wrath, but as the Holy One among us. You bent down to us.
You healed us, and fed us—
until the scandal of your love was more than we could bear and we handed you over,
not knowing what we did.
Breath of Life,
move now in this place.
Make known your power in this simple meal.
As we taste the bread and lift the cup,
grant us courage.

Fill us, Lord. Fill us, Lord, with the bread and wine of the risen Christ. Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.

We pray as he taught us:

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.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

Faithful God, you have fed us at your table and bound us to each other.

Now send us into the world to spend and share the grace we have tasted.

Lead us, Lord. Lead us, Lord, nourished here by Christ, given strength for life. Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

SENDING SONG

Your Grace is Enough