



1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2019

10:30 A.M.

*\* Please stand in body or in spirit*

**WE APPROACH GOD**

Prelude "Adagio from Sonata Op.2, No. 6" *Handel*

Choral Introit "Draw Near to God" *English Trad.*

\* Call To Worship *(Please stand and join responsively)*

Leader: We gather to remember and share stories of faith, and to rejoice in the goodness of our loving God.

**People: Before our stories began, there was God; through all our days, God walks with us.**

Leader: Let us worship the One who gives and sustains life; sing praises to the One who is our Refuge.

**People: There is no place we can go where God is not; amid life's terrors, God's promises hold true.**

Leader: Delight in God, whose protection we enjoy; adore the One who frees us for new possibilities.

**People: We call out to God, expecting to be heard; we listen, knowing there is truth to be received.**

\* Prayer of Invocation

\* Hymn No. 65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" *CWM Rhondda*

Prayer of Confession *(The congregation uniting)*

**Sovereign God, we confess our desire to reshape your world to our own advantage. We are more concerned with what we eat than with who will get to eat. Our own security is more important to us than is the health and safety of all your children. The first fruits of our labors grace the altars of our own desires instead of honoring you. And we prefer that you keep your distance from us unless we need you. We like promises without commands, and gifts without responsibilities. O God, we confess that our ways don't work. Turn us around for true worship and faithful service, as forgiven and forgiving people.**

Silent Prayer of Confession *(Please take time to be personal and specific....)*

Words of Assurance

Choral Response "Nothing Can Trouble" *Berthier*

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Responsive Reading Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);

**because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

**The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."**

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

**For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."**

Scripture Readings: Luke 4:1-13 N.T., pg. 53

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 O.T., pg. 511

Anthem "On Eagles' Wings" *Joncas*

*Refrain: And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Parable Time

Sermon "Temptation Then and Temptation Now" Co-Pastors

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

\* Affirmation of Faith *(Please join responsively)* From the Heidelberg Catechism (1563)

One: What is the sixth petition?

All: **"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."**

**That is, since we are so weak that we cannot stand by ourselves for one moment, and besides, since our sworn enemies, the devil, the world, and our own sin, ceaselessly assail us, be pleased to preserve and strengthen us through the power of thy Holy Spirit so that we may stand firm against them, and not be defeated in this spiritual warfare, until we at last obtain complete victory. Amen.**