



The First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2014

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO SERVE GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *(Children ages 3 yrs – 2nd grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.)* †

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

PRELUDEFrederick Lehman

The Love of God

*CALL TO WORSHIPLaura Thornton

Leader: When the shadows of life fall upon us,
we will not fear, but we will remember Jesus.

People: **WHEN DARK DAYS FALL UPON US,
WE WILL NOT FEAR, BUT WE WILL REMEMBER JESUS.**

Leader: When all seems lost,
when we're thrown about and tossed,

People : **WE REST IN HIM,
SHADOW OF THE CROSS.**

Leader: Life is full of light and shadow,
but we worship today the One who brings us into the light.

UNISON: **MAY WE RETURN TO GOD WITH ALL OUR HEART.
MAY WE WORSHIP THIS DAY JESUS OUR LORD.**

*WORSHIP HYMNCH. 86

Great is Thy Faithfulness

*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRISTSean Coe

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Loving God, we begin today a 40-day journey into the shadows. Lord, there is so much darkness in our lives, so much that we hide from You. So we ask today that You take our hand and lead us out of the shadows of our fears. Bring us to Your truth and help us respond to Your generous love. May we recognize in this hour the fullness of Your love. May Your spirit free us from the darkness in our heart. In the name of the One whose own journey to You began in a wilderness of shadows, Christ our Lord, we pray this day, saying, *"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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever."* Amen.

*GLORIACH. 35

Glory Be to the Father

THE COMMUNITY PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (pg.).....Psalm 17

SPECIAL MUSIC.....A Chant in the Taize' Style

In God Alone

SECOND READING (pg.).....Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON.....Rev. Cyd Cowgill

The Shadow of the Unknown: Wilderness

SILENT MEDITATION AND PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE *If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us of all unrighteousness. Thanks be to God.*

THE COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORYMosie Lister

The Day of Miracles

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We thank You, God, for being our Provider in the wilderness. As we move into Lent, Lord, may we find our hands, lives and souls more spacious to receive Your spirit and to do Your will. Receive our offering, God. May it shine some light in someone's darkness. Amen.

*THE DOXOLOGYCH. 46

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

COMMUNION MEDITATION

COMMUNION HYMNCH. 414

Eat This Bread (3 x)

The Lord's Table is open for all people. Christ has set the table before us. It is by His invitation we are fed. You may eat the bread as it is passed and drink the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution.

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Steve Gray

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Tony Peris

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....Stuart Dauermann

Vineyard Song

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH. 337 (vs. 1, 3, 4, 5)

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.

***BENEDICTION**

***TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

***POSTLUDE**

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

‡ *Children Preschool – 2nd grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder
Youth attend LIVE BIG!*

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Jimmy Jarvis, Sharon Jenson, Carey Ward, Rick Lahy



*Thank you for worshipping at West Side Christian Church today.
We hope you received a blessing this morning,
and that you will experience God's presence in the week ahead.
See you next Sunday!*



The Welcome Loaf

We offer a loaf of homemade bread to first time visitors as an expression of our appreciation for your presence. Please greet Rev. Cyd at the door following worship to receive your loaf.



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Into The Shadows



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