

Worship on the First Sunday in Lent
February 18, 2024

The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson, Designated Term Pastor
Diane Dawson Dexter, Organist

Prelude "Ave Maria" Franz Schubert

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Anderson

Prayer of the Day

God of the covenant, as the forty days of the flood swept away the world's corruption and brought new beginnings of righteousness and life, so in the saving water of Baptism you wash us clean and make us spiritually born again. Throughout these forty days, pour out the wellspring of your grace, cleanse our hearts of all that is not worthy, and cause your gift of new life to flourish once again. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

Hymn 269 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you call us to worship and serve only you. Yet, when other things demand our attention, we stray from your path. We serve powers that privilege the comfort of some over the wellbeing of many. We serve a culture that values competition over collaboration. We serve our own desires without considering the needs of our neighbors. Forgive us, Lord. Send your Spirit to guide us back to you. Free us from the hold of sin and death. Empower us to respond your grace and follow Christ in the way of justice, righteousness and peace. We pray in his name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm 25:1-10

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

2 **O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.**

3 Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

4 **Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.**

5 Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

6 **Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

8 **Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

9 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

10 **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

New Testament Mark 1:9-15

Sermon "The Friendship of the Lord" Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Offertory "People Need the Lord" Greg Nelson and Phil McHugh

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

God of heaven and earth and every galaxy, we praise you for your tremendous wisdom and love. When we have been slow to follow your way, you have been patient with us. Through the

obedience of your Son, you have forgiven us and renewed our life. Give us grace by your Spirit to extend your kindness beyond our family and congregation to people in need. We present our gifts as a sign of our gratitude, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer (*trespasses*)

Hymn 398 "Jesus Calls Us"

Benediction Dr. Anderson

Postlude "Study No. 3" Stephen Heller

Church Calendar

Wednesday, February 21 ***Living into Lent Group (Chapter 2)***
9:00 – 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor and online

Sunday, February 25 **Worship Service**
Dr. Clifford Anderson, Guest Preacher
10:00 a.m. in Union Chapel and via live stream

Wednesday, February 28 ***Living into Lent Group (Chapter 3)***
9:00 – 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor and online

Sunday, March 3 **Worship with the Lord's Supper**
10:00 a.m. in Union Chapel and via live stream

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