St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Lent March 9, 2025

Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

Gathering Around the Word

Centering Meditation

"This life therefore is not righteousness, but growth in righteousness, not health, but healing, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise. We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it, the process is not yet finished, but it is going on, this is not the end, but it is the road. All does not yet gleam in glory, but all is being purified."

— Martin Luther

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude Gymnopedie no. 1 Erik Satie

Welcome

Choral Introit Lenten Introit William Miller

Call to Worship

One: In the wilderness, water brings life.

All: Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water. One: In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

All: Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.

One: In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.

All: Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.

One: Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity. Come and praise the vine that gives all goodness.

Opening Hymn #703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

Call to Confession

One: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess to God and to one another our failure to love our neighbor.

Prayer of Confession

All: God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of

baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

Silent Prayers

Sing the Faith #2275 Kyrie

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Christe, Christe eleison. Christe, Christe eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Assurance of Pardon

One: You have already been cleansed by the word that God has spoken to you. In Baptism God claimed you and joined you to Christ, as branches to a vine. Believe the promise given to you:

All: in Jesus Christ we are loved, we are forgiven, Amen.

Passing of Christ's Peace

One: The peace of Christ always be with you.

All: And also with you.

Response #555 O Lamb of God

Proclaiming the Word

Conversation With Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

One: Come, Holy Spirit, that through your Word we may be guided into the love of God for all the world. Amen.

First Reading Exodus 3:1-14 Pew Bible p.44

Anthem "The Wondrous Story" from The Life Everlasting

arr. Joseph M. Martin

Second Reading John 15:1-8 Pew Bible p.878

Sermon I AM the True Vine Rev. Eric Koenig-Reinke

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

All: We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Hymn #165 The Glory of These Forty Days

Mission Focus Neighborhood Friends Suzanne Busch

Invitation to the Offering

One: Offering what we have for the sake of others is a discipline of pruning—letting go of our possessions, our time, and even ourselves—to extend the gospel witness into the world. Be generous in your ministry of giving. You need not fear; you abide in the vine.

Offertory Danny Boy arr. N. Lies

Response #740 Lead Me, Guide Me

Prayer of Dedication

All: Through our offerings, O God, give your loving Spirit to a world in need of comfort. Make our many gifts one offering for the world; in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

All: Loving God, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Bearing and Following the Word Into the World

Closing Hymn #450 Be Thou My Vision

Matters of Community

Postlude Improvisation Gabriel Faure

Charge and Benediction

One: And may we live our lives:

All: Compassionate of heart, Clear in word, Gracious in awareness, Courageous in thought, Generous in love. Amen.

Resources:

Image: Eastern Orthodox icon of Jesus Christ as the True Vine, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/actimagelink.pl?RC=55553 [retrieved February 26, 2025]. Original source: http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Christ_the_True_Vine_icon_(Athens,_16th_century).jpg.

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Look for the Silver Lining, J. Kerr, arr. G. Stone, Chappel and Co. I hear what you say, B. Crosland, ABRSM, 2021. Gymnopedie no.1, E. Satie, Schirmer, 2011. Danny Boy, traditional Irish, arr. N. Lies, Oxford University Press, 2014. Improvisation, G. Faure, Les Editions Outremontaises, 2006. Lenten Introit, Bill Miller, self-published, 2025. "The Wondrous Story", from *The Song Everlasting*, Tune - "Holy Manna", attributed to William Moore, 1829, arr. Joseph M. Martin, Hal Leonard - Milwin Music Corp., 2011.

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703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me



John Wesley learned the original German hymn from the Moravians during his time in Savannah, Georgia, and translated all sixteen stanzas. The tune, named for a 4th-century martyr, comes out of the Roman Catholic revival movement of the mid-19th century.

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Kyrie











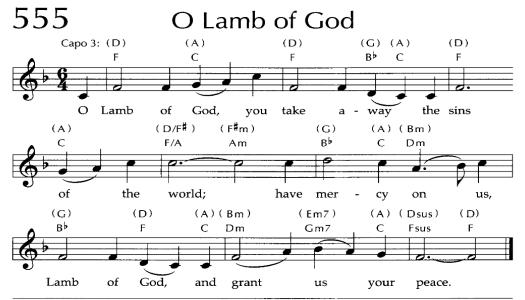




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arr. by Ruth Elaine Schram

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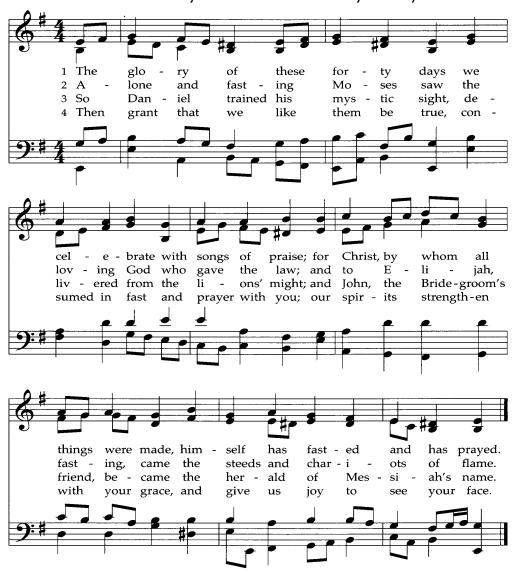
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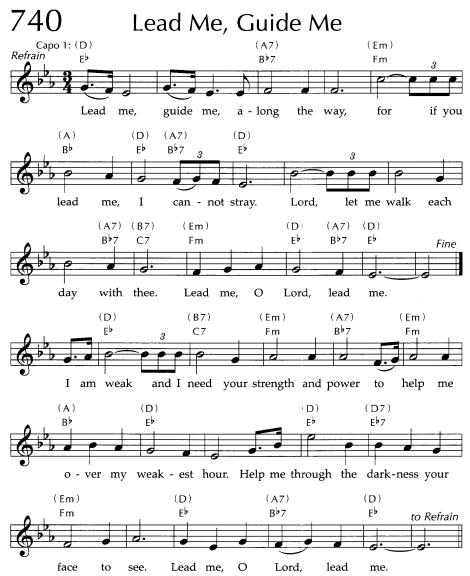
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LAND OF REST

165 The Glory of These Forty Days



Appropriate for singing at any time during Lent, this stately text connects Jesus' wilderness fast with the solitary testing of other prophetic souls: Moses, Elijah, Daniel, and John the Baptist. This sturdy 16th-century chorale melody formed the basis of Bach's *Cantata* 126.



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This African American gospel hymn can well be understood as an updated adaptation of Psalm 5:8, with the "enemies" of the psalm treated as the pressures and temptations of daily life. As with the psalms, the "T" here is understood to express a shared communal experience.



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These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.