

First Presbyterian Church
Lake Park, Iowa
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10:30am

March 10, 2019

First Sunday in Lent

Musical Prelude

Announcements

Passing of the peace

Lenten Litany

Pastor/ For forty days and nights in the days of Noah, the rain fell and the waters covered the face of the earth.

C/ Lead us O Lord from death to life!

Ruling Elders/ For forty years in the days of Moses and Miriam, the people wandered seeking the land of God's promise.

C/ Lead us O Lord from death to life!

Parents/ For forty days Moses was with God on Mount Sinai learning the commandments to teach the people.

Deacons/ Elijah traveled for forty days in the dessert to hear God's voice in the silence.

C/ Lead us O Lord from death to life!

Women/ Jonah cried out to the people of Nineveh: "Repent or in forty days you will perish."

Men/ Jesus fasted for forty days and was tested by the devil.

C/ Lead us O Lord from death to life!

L/ Let us pray...Eternal God, grant us your graces over these forty days of Lent. May we seek your safety, hear your teachings, live in hope even if it seems a wandering, hear you in the silence and noise of living, and repent. Give your Spirit that we might become ever more your sons and daughters, followers of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Opening Hymn: #682 Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Minute for Mission—One Great Hour of Sharing

This mission collection will be taken up Palm Sunday, April 14th

—The H-LP students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades are working on a new service learning project that involves sending care packages to service members who are deployed overseas. They are asking for donations of specific items to include, and the list, along with complete information can be found on the bulletin board in the entryway and in the school newsletter.

—Newsletter Error: The Joint Lenten Service on Sunday, March 31st is at HARRIS UMC, and not at Lake Park UMC as it states on the Newsletter Calendar.

—The current balance on our Commercial Loan is \$9,953.67.

—DATE UPDATE: We will be having a Salad Luncheon SOMETIME THIS SPRING, and not on Saturday, March 9th.

Watch upcoming Sunday bulletins and Newsletter for more details.

—If you need confidential help and support with financial concerns, legal education, or stress counseling, you can get help by calling the IOWA Concern Hotline at 1-800-447-1985.

—Friday morning **Bible Study** continues every Friday at 10:00 a.m. We are studying The Ten Commandments. Everyone is welcome.

Joint Lenten Services

*Theme: The Beatitudes
Taught by Christ*

Sunday, March 10th at 5:00 pm
Harris United Methodist Church

Poor in Spirit
Sunday, March 17th at 5:00 pm
Lake Park United Methodist Church

Mourners and Comforters
Sunday, March 24th at 5:00 pm
First Presbyterian Church of Lake Park

Meek and Pure
Sunday, March 31st at 5:00 pm
Harris United Methodist Church

Mercy and Peace makers
Sunday, April 7th at 5:00 pm
Lake Park United Methodist Church

Justice Bringers and Persecuted

Each of the Lenten Services will include a time of fellowship. We will be serving coffee and cookies after the Service at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 24th.

Special Music

Reading of Scripture

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 **pages 311-12*

Canticle: #653 Whiter Than Snow (verse 1 & 4) (based on psalm 51)

New Testament Lesson: Luke 4: 1-13 **pages 1595-96*

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: Westminster Confession (1649 AD, PCUSA Book of Confessions, 6.081-6.086)

All/ Repentance unto life is an evangelical grace, given by God to the elect, and is the doctrine that should be preached by every minister of the Gospel as well as that of faith in Christ.

Repentance happens when the grace of God illumines the sinner to one’s own odious deeds and all that is contrary to the holy nature and righteous law of God. And in this light of the weight of sin and the freedom of God’s mercy, the believer turns from the ways of sin unto the Way of Christ, walking in the commandments of love and grace. This repentance does not atone for sin, only Christ can do that, but it does connect and change the sinner with the Spirit. Just as there is no sin so small as to escape damnation, there is no sin so big as to evade God’s grace and our repentance. Because of God’s grace in the light of this knowledge of sin and the salvation given in Jesus’s blood and the Spirit’s regeneration, all people should be willing to publically repent, turning from scandalous behavior big or small in proper apology and admitting of wrong to any parties offended or harmed, and by Christ’s love and grace be reconciled to Him and all the brothers and sisters in the church forever. Amen.

Offertory: Doxology #815
Prayer of Dedication Deacons

Prayers: Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Thanksgiving (from our Reformed Heritage)

L/O God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: we have assembled to praise you and to pray to you, because we are burdened with sin and are distressed.

C/ Rain upon us now and let the power of the Most High overshadow us with grace and love. (Paul Kanoa, 1830, Native Hawaiian Missionary to Pacific Islanders)

Benediction

Sending Hymn: #81 (blue hymnal) Lord Who Throughout These 40 Days

Ministry Leaders

Deacons: Jim Kessler & Daniel Delaney

Greeters: Betty McClure & Terri McClure

Worship Music: Denise Lev

Pastor: Rev. Tim Harmon

All members are ministers of Jesus Christ +

Attendance 3/3/19: 41

Offering 3/3/19: \$1,553.00

Special Offering (Camp Support): \$177.00

Attendance Ash Wednesday: 48

There are 31 paid per capitas: \$41 for 2019

-HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY to Lincoln Blake Marki who was born on March 6, 2019.

-HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Angelisa Manwarren TODAY, and to Thor Korthals on March 13th, and to Ashley Delaney on March 14th, and to Lona Hedquist on March 15th, and to Carol Jensen on March 16th.

-Thank you to those who helped with MOBILE FOOD PANTRY.

-We now have Adult Sunday School each Sunday at 9:30a.m.

-Session Meeting will be this Tuesday, March 12th at 6:30 p.m.

-Youth Group will meet this Wednesday, March 13th at 6:30 p.m.

-ECUMENICAL LENTEN MIDDAY PRAYER AND LUNCH at St. Mary Catholic Church, 1005 Hill Avenue in Spirit Lake this Wednesday, March 13th at 12:30 p.m. This is Free Will Donation for Dickinson County Ministerial Association.

