

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

A United Church of Christ Congregation

Wherever you are on your journey ... you are welcome here.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

* Congregation may stand

Prelude

Welcome

Bringing in the Light of Christ

9:00 Emily Burling, Genevieve Baylor
10:30 Shawna Baylor, Sara Baylor

Introit Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God T. M. Scott
Chancel Choir

Call to Worship

T. Peterson

One: As we walk into the wilderness,
setting our face toward the cross,

All: The Holy Spirit is with us.

One: As we focus and prepare,
fasting by letting go and by taking on,

All: The Holy Spirit is with us.

One: Facing temptations,
finding help from unexpected quarters,

All: The Holy Spirit is with us.

One: Come, let us seek God's way together.

* Hymn 612 ST. FLAVIAN

Lord Jesus, Who through Forty Days

Prayer of Confession *(unison)* T. Peterson

O God, we confess to you that we often resist your movement, wishing you would let us go our own way. If we're completely honest, we give in to temptation more often than we resist. We confess that we have preferred to stuff ourselves on things other than your word; we have longed for power over others; we have bargained with your promise and begged for minor miracles. Forgive us, Holy One. Show us your way in the wilderness. Guide us to your path, and teach us to follow. Hear us pray...

(moments for silent reflections)

Words of Assurance

Anthem Fantasy on HYFRDOL Hal Hopson
Handbell and Chancel Choirs

Children's Message and Lord's Prayer Dee Buchanan

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

* Hymn 454 BEACH SPRING

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Morning Song Barbara Kinyon

* **Doxology** OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* **Prayer of Dedication** *(unison)*

Bless these offerings, Gracious God, and bless us. On this Lenten journey, help us commit to your call to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you. Inspire us to act with mercy, give generously, pray daily, right wrongs, and worship weekly. Guide us on this journey to live faithfully, to live fully, to live in the Micah way, to follow Jesus. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Luke 4:1-13, pg 53 NT

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Peter Wiley

* **Hymn** We Are Called David Haas
(see back of Announcement packet)

* **Benediction**

* **Passing of the Peace**

Postlude

Marsha Eschliman – Organist

**First Congregational Church
Welcomes Our Guests**

*We are thankful you are sharing
in worship with us this morning.*

*Every Sunday, our 10:30 and 11:59 services
are also lived streamed on our website and on Facebook.*

First-time visitors, please take a
Welcome Bag from outside of the sanctuary.

Large print bulletins and **hearing assist devices**
are available from ushers.

Following worship, clergy will greet worshippers
in the narthex or you may also exit the sanctuary
through the door to the left of the chancel.

Parents With Young Children

During the **10:30 and 11:59 worship services**,
the Alcove is available for parents with young children
who would like to **view the worship
service on live stream television**. Please feel free
at any time to leave the sanctuary and make your way to
the Alcove, located near the 2nd floor elevator.
Check with an usher if you need assistance.

An activity basket is available at the back of the
sanctuary for the enjoyment of young children.

Please join us in Fellowship Hall
for coffee and fellowship after worship.

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Sunday, February 18, 2018
9:00 and 10:30 am
(or join us at 11:59)

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