**Morning Order of Worship**

March 1, 2020—9:30 AM

First Sunday of Lent

REJOICING IN THE LORD

Prelude

Welcome

\*God’s Greeting

\*Opening Song of Worship

 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Lent Reading

Ministry of Music—*His Robes for Mine*

APPROACHING THE LORD

Preparation for the Lord’s Supper (PH p. 972)

Song of Response

 *Resurrecting*

Congregational Prayer led by Stephanie Walters

Offering for the General Fund

(After the offering, *Jesus Loves Me* will play and the children are then invited forward for the Children in Worship Dismissal)

Children in Worship Dismissal (Ages 3-5)

 The Blessing—**Congregation—The Lord be with you**

 Children—And also with you

**LISTENING TO THE LORD**

\*Song of Preparation

 HWC #175 vs. 1-3—*Hallelujah, What a Savior!*

Scripture: Mark 6:1-13 (page 973)

Message: ***Jesus' Hometown Visit***

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn of Application

HWC #296 vs. 1, 2—*We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations*

**LEAVING TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD**

\*God’s Parting Blessing

\*Doxology

 HWC #176 vs. 1, 4—*Lead Me to Calvary*

\*Postlude

**Worship Participants**

Worship Leader: Rev. Darren Kornelis

Pianist: Kim VandenHeuvel

Praise Team: Brenda Molendyk, John Sietsema, Stephanie Walters

Readers: Brenda Molendyk, John Sietsema, Brent Vande Wege

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**March 1, 2020 1st Sunday of Lent**

DAY 1   Where Are You?

**Reader:**

The season of Lent is a time for contemplation while we ponder the sacrifice of Jesus. Just as we light Advent candles to signify our hope as we await the coming birth of Christ our Messiah, during Lent we will be extinguishing candles as we walk through the story of creation, the fall, and the rescue plan God set in place to atone for our sin. Each week as we come closer to Easter, we will extinguish one candle, recognizing the increasing heaviness of sin and the costliness of our Lord’s sacrifice.

In the garden of Eden, Satan came to Eve to ask the one question that would be most tempting, “did God *really* say that?” She gave in to the temptation and sin and guilt entered the world.

Listen to these words from Genesis 3 after Adam and Eve had eaten the forbidden fruit:

**Voice using handheld microphone from out of sight, maybe upstairs in the balcony, spoken slowly, lingering:**

 “The man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. **9** *But the Lord God called to the man, ‘Where are you?’”*

**Reader:**

Father, You are calling for us, calling us out of hiding. In the messy fall at the beginning, You promised the perfect ending. The serpent’s head is crushed and we come out of hiding, and into your presence.  Amen.

Today, because Satan’s head is crushed, don’t hide from Him who is calling, “Where are you?” Enter into His presence today as we sing, pray, and give thanks for the coming sacrifice of His Son.

EXTINGUISH ONE CANDLE

**Confession and Assurance**

*The Call to Confession*
*Minister:* God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.
If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in darkness,
we lie and do not live by the truth.
But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.
If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves
and the truth is not in us. (1 John 1:5b-8)

*The Confession*
***All:* Most holy and merciful Father,
We confess to you and to one another,
that we have sinned against you
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our
whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not fully loved our neighbors
as ourselves. We have not always had in us the
mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have
grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways,
by forgetting your love. Forgive us, we pray you,
most merciful Father, and free us from our sin.
Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit,
for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

*The Declaration of Pardon*
*Minister:* To all who confess themselves to be sinners, humbling themselves before God and believing in the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, I declare this sure promise: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

Proclamation of the Word
Minister: Let us pray:

Almighty God, grant us your Spirit,
that we may rightly understand and
truly obey your Word of truth.
Open our hearts that we may love
what you command and desire what you promise.
Set us free from private distractions that we may hear
and from selfish pride that we may receive
the promise of your grace.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.