

## First Sunday of Lent

*Welcome!* We're so glad you've joined us today! We've cleaned and organized to prepare for you. *Please wear your face mask* the entire time you're in the building—even when singing—and remain in your spot. Thank you. *We kindly offer* 1) restrooms downstairs, 2) a “clean room” downstairs where you may participate by simulcast, and 3) mask-free seating at the top of the balcony. Just ask a greeter for guidance. We appreciate you.

→ please silence your devices      \* = stand in body or spirit

Meditation                      *Proverbs 15:33*

*The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom;  
and **before honor is humility.***

Prelude                              *The Lost Chord*                      Sir Arthur Sullivan

Welcome and Blessing

\* Hymn of Praise    *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
to the throne Thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore God's praises sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise the Lord for grace and favor  
to all people in distress;  
praise God, still the same as ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious now God's faithfulness.

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Father-like, God tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame God knows;  
mother-like, God gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet God's mercy flows.

Angels in the heights, adoring,  
you behold God face to face;  
saints triumphant, now adoring,  
gathered in from every race.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

\* Affirmation of Faith    *From the Didache's Way of Life*    [adapted]  
the earliest formal compilation of Scriptural teachings, about 100 A.D.

*The Way of Life is this:*

**to love the God who made me, and to do so with all  
my heart, soul, mind and strength  
to love my neighbor as myself, to bless those who  
curse me, and to pray for my 'enemies'  
to abstain from worldly excesses, from being double-  
minded or double-tongued, and from pride  
to turn the other cheek and go the extra mile  
to heed the one who speaks the Word of God to me  
to share in the imperishable and strive to do what is  
pleasing to the Lord**

\* Response of Praise                      *Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Ministry Opportunities

Join our focus on *Humility* by reading along the spiritual classic [book] by Andrew Murray with us. Just give an extra \$10 to the church and request a book from the office by website or email.

Our *Humility & Ashes* video is dense with spiritual direction. It will remain on our homepage all Lent long for you to watch and participate with repeatedly.

Fellowship Prayer

~ that we humbly appreciate common services

\* Hymn of Prayer O How I Love Jesus

There is a name I love to hear,  
I love to sing its worth;  
it sounds like music in my ear,  
the sweetest name on earth.

[refrain]

*O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
because He first loved me!*

It tells me of a Savior's love,  
who died to set me free;  
it tells me of His precious blood,  
the sinner's perfect plea. [refrain]

It tells of One whose loving heart  
can feel my deepest woe;  
who in each sorrow bears a part  
that none can bear below. [refrain]

Message inspired by Andrew Murray's, Humility (chs. 1&2)

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Ministry Time by Guided Prayer

\* Hymn of Response Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes,  
our mutual burdens bear;  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part,  
it gives us inward pain;  
but we shall still be joined in heart,  
and hope to meet again.

\* Closing and Blessing

Postlude Bach's Little d minor J.S. Bach

Wait for Dismissal ...to a life of humble worship and discipleship  
Please immediately clear the building upon dismissal.  
To visit with someone after worship please meet under the  
shade trees along the front sidewalk near the chapel.