

THE SEASON OF LENT

We will be focusing on the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13). Our worship services will be shaped each week with the specific petition of the Lord's Prayer: Holiness, God's Will/Kingdom, Daily Bread, Forgiveness, and Temptation. Each week will begin with a morning prayer to aid us in centering our thoughts, minds, and hearts to pray.

The Tulip is called the "Prayer Flower." Because no matter what direction it is growing or displayed, the stem will always bend the flower upward; Just as our prayers are directed upward.

MORNING WORSHIP

April 7, 2019

**Indicates standing, as you are able, in body or in spirit.*

GATHERING

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP	<i>Lord, by ourselves we are too weak to hold our own even for a moment. And our sworn enemies—the devil, the world, and our own flesh—never stop attacking us. And so, Lord, uphold us and make us strong with the strength of your Holy Spirit, so that we may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle, but may firmly resist our enemies until we finally win the complete victory.</i>	Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 127
PRELUDE	Prayer from "Gothic Suite" Morning Hymn (Psalm 62)	Leon Boelmann Raymond Haan
MORNING PRAYER	Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth. O Lord, open my lips, And my mouth shall declare your praise. The Lord's unfailing love and mercy never cease, Fresh as the morning and sure as the sunrise.	

God of grace and glory, in the beginning you brought light from darkness, created the world, made us in your image, and so we praise you. (*Candle*)

*sing: **Father, we are here;***

You came among us in Jesus Christ, who stretched out his arms to fulfill your covenant, and so we praise you. (*Cross*)

*sing: **Jesus, we are here;***

You sent your Holy Spirit to cleanse us, renew us, and to join us in our witness, and so we praise you. (*Font*)

*sing: **Spirit, we are here;***

(Lift Up Your Hearts #520 alt.)

*GOD'S GREETING

*ADORATION ***O God Beyond All Praising***

Lift Up Your Hearts #557

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS

Stephen & Sandra Brauning

CONFESSION

CALL TO
CONFESSION ***Come by Here***

Trad. Spiritual
Setting by Uzee Brown Jr.

PRAYER OF
CONFESSION **Most merciful God whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING ***He Will Hold Me Fast***

Ada Habershonnew
Matt Merker

(*Fast*: meaning to
hold tightly,
securely, firmly)

PSALM OF
DELIVERANCE ***For the director of music. Of David. A psalm.***

Psalm 40

I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him.

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.

Many, LORD my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.

Sacrifice and offering you did not desire—but my ears you have opened—burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.

Then I said, “Here I am, I have come—it is written about me in the scroll. I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart.”

I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, LORD, as you know. **I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help. I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness from the great assembly.**

Do not withhold your mercy from me, LORD; may your love and faithfulness always protect me. For troubles without number surround me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see. They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails within me.

Be pleased to save me, LORD; come quickly, LORD, to help me.

May all who want to take my life be put to shame and confusion; may all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace. May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!" be appalled at their own shame.

But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who long for your saving help always say, "The LORD is great!" But as for me, I am poor and needy; may the Lord think of me. You are my help and my deliverer; you are my God, do not delay.

PRAYER OF
THANKSGIVING

God, our help and deliverer, we thank you for rescuing us from the miry places of our lives and placing our feet on the firm rock of faith in Jesus Christ. We praise you for your faithfulness in the past and your promised presence today. In those places where we find ourselves weak, as well as in those places where we think ourselves strong, help us to wait for you with believing hearts, trusting in Jesus our Savior. Amen.

RESPONSE

When Peace Like A River

Lift Up Your Hearts #451

WORD

CHILDREN'S
BLESSING

Children ages 3 - 1st grade are dismissed for either Children's Church or Worship Center.

*PRAYER FOR
ILLUMINATION

I Need Thee Every Hour

Lift Up Your Hearts #322:1,2,4

SCRIPTURE
READING

Matthew 6:13

Holy Bible Page 1504

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Divine Protection

Rev. Rick Pinckney

*RESPONSE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Lift Up Your Hearts #776

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

TITHES AND
OFFERINGS

Please pass the Friendship Folders

OFFERTORY ***Our Father***

Craig Courtney

PRAYER
REQUESTS

During the season of Lent, you are invited to request prayer petitions. There are prayer cards in the pews. If you have a prayer request, you may write it on the card and bring it forward to the cross during the offering time or after the service. These requests will be offered the following week during the Morning Prayer.

SENDING

*GOD'S BLESSING

*HYMN ***I'm So Glad***

Lift Up Your Hearts #362

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GATHERING

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP *Lord Jesus, our only comfort in life and in death, the world's contempt did not dissuade you from accomplishing our salvation. May we look to only you to sustain us now, and through all that is yet to come. Amen.* Based on Psalm 123

CALL TO WORSHIP *A song of ascents.* Psalm 123

I lift my eyes to you, to you who sit enthroned in heaven. As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a female slave look to the hand of her mistress, **so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he shows us his mercy.**

Have mercy on us, LORD, have mercy on us, for we have endured no end of contempt. We have endured no end of ridicule from the arrogant, of contempt from the proud.

*GATHERING *To the Hills I Lift My Eyes* **Lift Up Your Hearts #331**

*GOD'S GREETING

*MUTUAL GREETING

*ADORATION *Out of The Depths I Cry to Your on High* **Lift Up Your Hearts #655**

*AFFIRMATION *My Only Comfort* **Lift Up Your Hearts #434**
OF FAITH

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING **Mark 7:24-30** **Holy Bible Page 1564**

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Crumbs for The Undeserving* Chan Jang

RESPONSE *Give Thanks to God, Who Hears Our Cries* **Lift Up Your Hearts #359:1-5**

RESPONSE

TITHES AND
OFFERINGS

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PRAYERS OF THE ***O Lord, Hear My Prayer***
PEOPLE

Lift Up Your Hearts #903:1

(after each petition) **Hear Our Prayer, O Lord.**

Bob Boersma

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

Lift Up Your Hearts #903:2

SENDING

*GOD'S BLESSING

*DOXOLOGY ***Give Thanks to God, Who Hears Our Cries***

Lift Up Your Hearts #359:6