

# First Sunday of Lent

## February 21, 2021, 11:00 am

### PRELUDE

Give Me Jesus—African American spiritual, setting by Mark Patterson

### CALL TO RETURN TO OUR SOULS

Pastor: God is over all things,

**Quartet: Under all things,**

Pastor: Outside all things,

**Quartet: Within,**

Pastor: But not enclosed,

**Quartet: Without,**

Pastor: But not excluded,

**Quartet: Above, but not raised up!**

Pastor: Below, but not depressed!

**Quartet: Wholly above, presiding!**

Pastor: Wholly without, embracing!

**Quartet: Wholly within, filling!**

Pastor: Calling! – The Spirit!

**Quartet: Of the Living God!**

**#165      Glory to God    The Glory of These Forty Days**

### CALL TO CONFESSION AND COMMITMENT

Pastor: As Jesus followers, we give our hearts to the idea that Jesus is The Way. Lent, the forty days preceding Easter, is a time to walk The Way. Today we acknowledge these things to be true of our way: **(ALL join in in repeating the following lines:**

We have been blind. Now we would see.  
We have been lost. We desire to be found.  
We have been hurt. We desire healing.  
We have been estranged from those we love.  
We will find a way to reconciliation and walk it.  
Let me to die to my own worst impulses. I will be reborn.  
I have lived in exile from the best in me. I will gladly return.  
I have experienced some form of human bondage. I will be free of it.  
I have sinned. I seek forgiveness of my sins.  
My heart has often been closed. I will open it.  
Beginning today, by the light of Christ  
and in the company of my friends and fellows,  
I seek The Way. Amen.

#80 Presbyterian Hymnal, Blue          Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

**Bible readings:**          **Psalm 25:1-10**    **Matthew 4:1-11**    **Josh Stark**

## **SUNG RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE**

#2105                  Sing the Faith                  Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

## **Message SCOTT**

**Covid Message #10—A Message to Young  
Adults, Youth and Many Others**

#792                  Glory to God                  There Is a Balm in Gilead

## **WELCOME**

### **Anthem**

**Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness-Handel**

**Intercessory Prayer SCOTT**—with comments by people on FB **DEANNA** will read these in spaces of silence)...conclude with the Lord's Prayer and Sung Response.....

## **SUNG RESPONSE**

**# 215            Glory to God            What Wondrous Love is This (stanza 1)**

## **OFFERTORY**

**Steal Away— Dave Ragland**

**Neal Long, tenor**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION--Scott**

**#728            Glory to God            Somebody's Knockin' At Your Door**

## **BLESSING**

## **SUNG BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**Insert                            Nunc Dimittis (for Night Prayer)**

## **POSTLUDE**

**Longing and Belonging (based on two African American spirituals) - Mark Patterson**

**\*\*Livestream stays up for one minute**