

# First Sunday of Lent

## FORGIVENESS

February 26, 2023



### OPENING TO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

*Words for Meditation* - Matthew 6:9b-15 from First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament \*

O Great Spirit, our Father from above, we honor your name as sacred and holy.

Bring your good road to us, where the beauty of your ways in the spiritual world above is reflected in the earth below. Provide for us day by day – the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon. The corn, the squash, and the wild rice. All the things we need for each day.

**Release us from the things we have done wrong, in the same way we release others for the things done wrong to us.** Guide us away from the good things that tempt us to stray from your good road, and set us free from the evil one and his worthless ways! Aho! May it be so!

Remember, our Father from the spirit-world above will release you from your wrongdoings in the same manner you release others from theirs. But if you fail to release others, it keeps your Father, the Creator, from releasing you.

Welcome & Call to Worship (VT 874)

HYMN *Christ is Our Cornerstone* VT 4

Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

Greeting: *The Peace of Christ be with you!*

Response: *And also with you!*

## Praying for the Peace of Christ to Rule in our Hearts

Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts... Colossians 3:12-15a

HYMN *Will You Come and Follow Me* (verses 1,2,5) VT 540

## TELLING GOD'S STORY

Children's Time

Scripture Reading *Matthew 18:15-35*

Sermon

Music for Meditation

## SHARING OUR STORIES

Prayers of the People

Sung Prayer: *For Those With Whom Our Lives are Bound* VT 734

Announcements

## SENDING

HYMN *Move in Our Midst* VT 827

Benediction

Postlude

\*WORDS FOR MEDITATION: [First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament](#) (InterVarsity Press 2021 by Rain Ministries, Inc.). From the Introduction: *The First Nations Version Translation Council humbly submits this new translation of the Sacred Scriptures as our gift to all English-speaking First Nations people and to the entire sacred family, which is the body of the Chosen One. The First Nations Version New Testament was birthed out of a desire to provide an English Bible that connects, in a culturally relevant way, to the traditional heart languages of over six million English-speaking First Nations people of North America.*

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Sound: Murray Reimer  
Livestream: Sadie Nisly  
Nursery Attendant: Anna Crable  
Ushers: Dennis & Jennalee Boggs  
Organist: Pauline Buller  
Worship Leader: Delon Martens  
Scripture Reader: Julie Esau  
Children's Time: Ama Reimer  
Sermon: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

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# Welcome!

We are so glad you are here!!

## COMING UP...

**Wed March 1** – 6:30pm Wednesday LPC Group meets (*note different date!*)

**Fri March 4-Wed March 8** – Hosting Service Adventure Units

**Sun March 5** – Second Sunday of Lent (*Who can be saved?*); Mentors & Mentees meet

**Mon-Wed Mar 6-8** – MCC Comforter Blitz, Journey @ Yoder

**Wed Mar 8** – first WNAF, dinner@6:00pm, Bible study @6:50pm (see below)

**Mon March 13** – Craft Night 6:30-8:00pm, Fellowship Hall

**Wed March 15** – first Choir rehearsal . . . 5:30-6:30pm

**Thurs March 16** – Congregational Ministry Team meeting @ 2:00

**Sat March 25** – FMC serves at the Christian Soup Ministry

## March 2023 WNAF (Wednesday Nights at First) begins March 8!

Be sure to mark Wednesdays **March 8, 15, 22 and 29** on your calendar to join your church family for dinner, fellowship and bible study! Choir rehearsals will also begin, but not till March

15. **The schedule is DIFFERENT than previous sessions, so take note:**

**5:30-6:30pm Choir Rehearsal** (*NOT March 8 – begins March 15*)

**6:00-6:45pm Dinner served**

**6:50-7:50pm Bible Study** (planning to offer childcare – volunteers needed!)

The Bible Study will be part of the Anabaptist at 500 *Reading Scripture Together* project sponsored by MennoMedia. The invitation is to participate in creating the *Anabaptist Community Bible*, which will feature marginal notes and commentary from five hundred Bible study groups (including ours!) from a wide spectrum of Anabaptist faith communities. Ideally participants will come for all 4 sessions, but if you can only come part of the time that is fine (*DO try to come on the 8<sup>th</sup> to benefit from the introduction to the project*). You will be invited to do some reading and reflecting on your own during the week to help prepare for discussion. We look forward to the study and conversation!



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