

GATHERING

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

For forty days and nights the rain fell, and the waters covered the face of the earth.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

For forty years the people wandered, seeking the land of God's promise.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Moses spent forty days on the mountain, learning the commandments of God.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Elijah traveled forty days in the wilderness to hear the voice of God in the silence.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Jonah cried out to the people of Nineveh: Repent, or in forty days you will perish.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Jesus fasted and prayed for forty days and was tested by the devil.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

*OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, as we are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ, so give us the grace of repentance that we may pass through the grave with him and be born again to eternal life. For he is the One who was crucified, dead, and buried, and rose again for us, Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

WELCOME

*HYMN # 87

The Glory of These Forty Days

ERHALT UNS, HERR

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

SILENT CONFESSION AND RESPONSE

Jesus, Lamb of God, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world, **grant us peace.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us, by your Word, through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (p. 180, Old Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 91: Hymn #212

Within Your Shelter, Loving God

ABBHEY

GOSPEL READING: Luke 4:1-13 (p. 61, New Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

*HYMN # 77

Forty Days and Forty Nights

AUS DER TIEFE RUFTE ICH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Behold the Shepherd

N. Sleeth

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen!**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

(see insert)

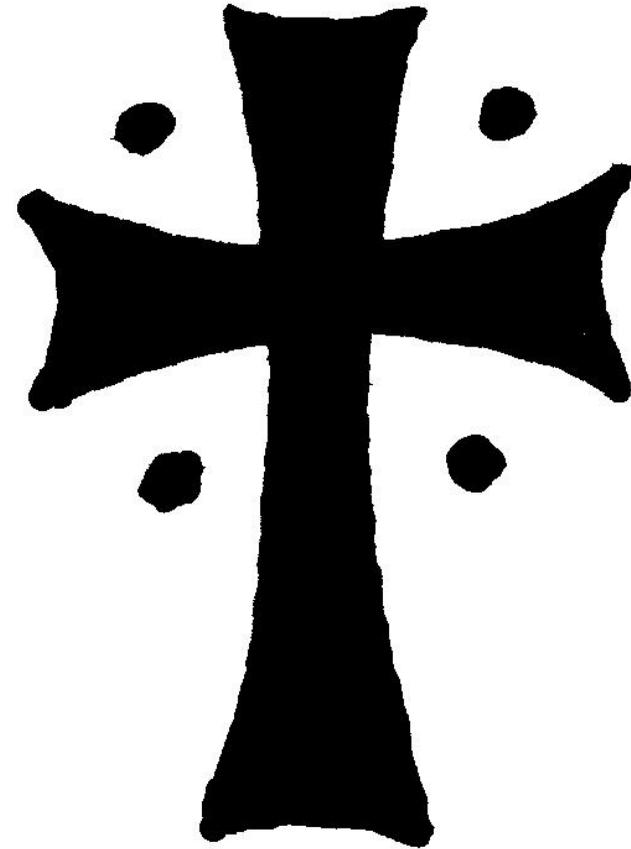
*HYMN # 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 10, 2019
Presbyterian Church in Needham