

Nurture Good News

"For all of you share in God's grace." (Philippians 1:7)



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THE OLD STONE CHURCH OF INDEPENDENCE

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 9, 2025



BREAD
OF
LIFE

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One does not live by bread alone.

~ Deuteronomy 8:3

~ *GATHERING TOGETHER* ~

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*John 6*)

Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

For all of us share in God's grace.

***GATHERING**

LET US COME TO WORSHIP GOD

by I-to Loh

GTG #387

HIAO HOIAN

***LITANY FOR LENT**

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

Lead us, O Lord, from death into life.

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

Lead us, O Lord, from death into life.

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

Lead us, O Lord, from death into life.

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

Lead us, O Lord, from death into life.

Jonah cried out to the people of Nineveh:

Repent, or in forty days you will perish

Lead us, O Lord, from death into life.

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

Lead us, O Lord, from death into life.

***HYMN**

LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS

by Claudia F. I. Hernaman

GTG #166

ST. FLAVIAN

CHILDREN OF GOD

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, even though we choose to follow Jesus, live his way, and share in the bread of life, we confess we have overlooked the hungry in our midst. We confess it is easier to avoid people and places that demand our attention and resources, and go about our days turning our eyes from those in need. But Jesus shows us a different way—a way of sharing, a way of justice. Forgive us for the times we have looked away from those who are hungry and their needs for food, clothing, friendship, or anything else. Forgive us for neglecting our neighbors and our community. Help us be faithful to this calling.

Amen. [Silent Confession]

***RESPONSE**

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

GTG #422

PSALM 51

CREATE IN ME (Capers)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(based on Matthew 14)*

And Jesus said: Bring them here to me.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

SPREAD THE WORD

OUTREACH TEAM

SACRED RECIPES

BETTY LINGLER

~ SHARING IN THE GOSPEL ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

LUKE 4:1-13

THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

Pew Bible p.57(NT)

***HYMN**

FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS

GTG #167

by George Hunt Smyttan

AUS DER TIEFE RUF E ICH

JOHN 6:25-40

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Pew Bible p.92(NT)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.

For all of us share in God's grace.

SERMON

NOT BY BREAD ALONE

~ *TENDING THE GOOD NEWS* ~

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

**preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the
sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

RESPONSE

GLORY TO GOD,

GTG #582

WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

by Paul M. Vasile

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ *GOING FORTH TO NURTURE* ~

***HYMN**

SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

GTG #187

Thrupp's Hymns for the Young

BRADBURY

***BENEDICTION** (*from John 6:58, Philippians 1:7*)

This is the bread that came down from heaven.

For all of us share in God's grace.

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK: MISTER ROGERS SUNDAY

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