* One asterisk means to stand, as you are able.

The nearest restrooms are out the sanctuary side door, through the breezeway, and into the alcove on the long wall of the Thin Place Gallery.

Citations for references used during worship are available from the ministers, upon request. The New Revised Standard Version (Updated Edition) of the Bible is used during worship, unless otherwise noted.

Lectionary Year C, First Sunday of Lent, March 9:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16;

Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13.

Lectionary Year C, Second Sunday of Lent, March 16: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:38-36, 13:31-35.



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We welcome all to the community of Jesus: to connect, to learn, to worship, to serve.

First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025 10 a.m.

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Welcome and Announcements

Lay Reader today is Ed Gonzalez.

Minute for Mission Comfort Zone Camp

Centering Music

* Call to Worship

One: When we are tempted to think of our immediate needs and turn our backs on others, Jesus draws us back to reality.

All: All we truly need is you, O Christ.

One: When we think that wealth, power, and status are the answers to life's dilemmas, the Lord draws us back to reality.

All: All we truly need is you, O Christ.

One: When we want to really find out if God means what God says, when we are tempted to create tests of faithfulness, God draws us back to reality.

All: All we truly need is you, O Christ.

One: Let us worship the One who draws us into a better life.

All: Let us worship the One who is all we truly need.

*Opening Hymn Lord, Who Throughout Song sheet
These Forty Days

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

As Lent unfolds before us, great God, we see how far we have to go to Jerusalem. The road is long, our sins are many, and our burdens are heavy. We can't imagine new life, Easter life, because our current lives are filled with bad choices and failed efforts. Meet us in our weakness. Take up our sins. Ease our burdens. Carry us on the way. Bring us to Jerusalem, at last. Show us a love that is stronger than death, a love no tomb can hold. Amen.

A Promise of Forgiveness and Peace

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

We invite everyone to share Christ's peace with your neighbors, both now and after the service.

* Sung Response

Lamb of God

Song sheet

First Scripture Reading Luke 4:1-13

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

I Surrender All

- arr. Victor C. Johnson

Children's Message

Children from age 4-5th grade may now go to Children's Church, for a time of worship designed especially for them.

Second Scripture Reading *Mark 8:27-38*

One: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Message

Who Do You Say I Am:

1. The Best of Us Dr. Kyle Goodman

Words of Reflection from May It Be So:

Forty Days with the Lord's Prayer

- Justin McRoberts and Scott Erickson

I am often compelled to pray because circumstances have convinced me that I am alone in my struggle and that the only honorable way to move ahead is to do so alone. These trials are mine. These burdens are mine. These fears are mine. I have them, and they have me. These lies begin to unravel with the words "Our Father." I am invited to see myself as part of the family of God, which means I can choose to see the burdens I carry as burdens also carried by others to whom I belong. Sisters. Brothers. Mothers. Fathers. Neighbors [...].

Ours is not just a plural pronoun; it's a plural possessive. Which is to say, just as I share these burdens and trials with you, I also share and even possess a place with you in the One who lifts burdens and who triumphs over trials.

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Invitation to Ordination

Statement on Ordination

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Declaration of Ordination

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

King James Version

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Pray with the words that hold the most meaning for you, even if they differ from your neighbor's.

Call to Offering

Sharing of Offering

We invite you to prayerfully donate to the continued life and work of our congregation. You may mail gifts directly to the church, or use our online giving platform, at https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-tithing.

Offertory

* **Doxology** Praise God, Song sheet from Whom All Blessings Flow

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Sending Hymn Beautiful Things Song sheet

Feel free to come forward during the closing song to light a candle, as a public sign of an inward commitment to life in the light of Christ.

*Charge and Benediction