



## Worship Resources for February 26, 2023

### The First Sunday in Lent

#### Lenten Communion

Please prepare the elements for Communion  
before viewing the service



#### Welcome

#### Opening Song "The Old Rugged Cross"

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, The emblem of suff'ring and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best For a world of lost sinners was slain.  
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross, And exchange it some day for a crown.

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above To bear it to dark Calvary.  
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross, And exchange it some day for a crown.

#### Opening Prayer

*We come before you this day, God,  
confessing the ways in which our weak spirits  
keep us from the full embrace of our lives as followers of Jesus.  
In this season of reflection, may we be deliberate.  
In this season of humility, may we be mindful.  
Guide us on the path, as we follow in the way of our Savior.  
Amen*

#### Scripture Readings

Romans 5: 12-19

Matthew 4: 1-11

## **Meditation**

### **Prayers of the People/The Prayer of Our Savior (debts and debtors)**

#### **Gather at the Welcome Table: The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Call to the Table

Communion Prayer

Breaking the Bread and Blessing the Cup

Sharing the Meal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Thank you, God, for your grace,  
and the gift of your presence in this holy meal.  
Make us one with Christ, and guide us  
to your perfect peace. Amen*

#### **Closing Song      “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”**

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

O safe and happy shelter, O refuge tried and sweet,  
O trysting place where Heaven's love and Heaven's justice meet!  
As to the holy patriarch that wondrous dream was giv'n,  
So seems my Savior's cross to me, a ladder up to heav'n.

## **Benediction**

## **Threefold Amen**