

Order of Worship
Sunday March 9, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

(**Congregation** responses spoken together appear in **bold** print.)

OPENING DECLARATION & PRAYER

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; make His praise glorious. Say to God, “How awesome are your works! All the earth will worship You and will sing praises to You. They will sing praises to Your name.” (Psalm 66:1-4 NASB95)

(prayer) In this season of Lent we gather to seek Your guidance and grace. Draw us into a deeper reflection on our lives and our world. As we journey with You, may we be shaped by Your justice, inspired by Your love, and empowered to act for Your kingdom. In your Holy name we pray, and we all agree by saying, **Amen.**

WORSHIP IN SONG (click the song title for a YouTube track)

[Over and Over and Over](#) [Oh Give Thanks](#)

[I Will Bless the Lord](#)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, as we begin this Lenten journey, we humbly seek your guidance and illumination. As we listen to Your Word, may we be receptive to your message and allow it to transform our hearts. May this time be a time of spiritual renewal and a deeper commitment to following Jesus. Help us to recognize our sins and turn away from them, embracing a life of holiness and service. Help us to pray fervently, seeking your presence and guidance throughout this season of Lent. May we find peace in your embrace, knowing that you are with us always. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, (and we all agree by saying) **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Leviticus 12:1-8 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word.
(Quiet Reflection)

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 25:1-10 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word.
(Quiet Reflection)

WORSHIP IN SONG: HYMN OF THE MONTH

[My Faith Has Found a Resting Place](#) | View the lyrics [here](#)

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 10:8-13 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word.
(Quiet Reflection)

GOSPEL READING John 7:14-18 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word.
(Quiet Reflection)

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

BLESSING AND SENDING