



Sunday, March 10, 2019

1st Sunday of Lent

Celebration of the Sacrament of Adult Baptism

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Adult Bible Groups @ 9:15 AM
 Updates in the Life & Work of the Church @ 10:30 AM
 Worship Service @ 10:30 AM
 Sunday School: Children Dismissed from Worship



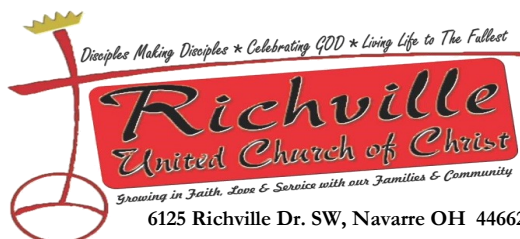
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YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!*

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Something to Think and Pray About:

"One way to begin to see how indulgent we usually are is to fast." **-Elizabeth Elliot**

"It is the heart that does the giving; the fingers only let go." **-Nigerian saying**

"Keep feeling the need for being first. But I want you to be the first in love. I want you to be the first in moral excellence. I want you to be the first in generosity." **-Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

"The purpose of fasting is to loosen to some degree the ties which bind us to the world of material things and our surroundings as a whole, in order that we may concentrate all our spiritual powers upon the unseen and eternal things." **-Rev. Dr. Ole Hallesby**

"I would like to be remembered as a person who wanted to be free... so other people would be also free." **-Rosa Parks**

GATHERING OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

+ **Designates all who are able please stand.**

10:30 am - Updates in the Life and Work of the Church

10:30 am - Ringing of the Church Bell

Prelude

WELCOME

+ Opening Hymn **"Forty Days and Forty Nights"** [insert]

Call To Worship [inspired by Psalm 91] *(responsive)*

Leader: We gather together -uniting our lives under the shelter of the Most High.

PEOPLE: Let us rest in the shadow of the Almighty -testifying that The LORD is our refuge and our fortress, and proclaiming that it is GOD in whom we trust.

Leader: For The Holy One saves us from traps set for us; protecting us from the things which cause us to waste away.

PEOPLE: Hide us under YOUR wings, we pray, Gracious Savior. Cover us with the shield of Faith and secure us with the belt of Truth.

Leader: May neither the terrors of night, nor the assaults of day deter us from placing our hope in YOU.

PEOPLE: Even when we see death and devastation all around us, strengthen us to believe that YOU will preserve us.

Leader: And when we see the consequences of going our own way and ignoring YOUR Precepts, draw us back to YOUR Dwelling Place.

PEOPLE: Surround us, we humbly ask, with YOUR Ministering Angels to guard and guide us.

Leader: Lift us when we fall and keep us from damaging ourselves or others when we err. Then, with the authority YOU grant us, we will be able to face and overcome any poisonous threat.

ALL: *For we can have confidence that those who love YOU will be delivered by YOU; those who call upon YOUR Name will be answered in their times of distress. YOU are the Giver of Life and Salvation, and we praise YOU; AMEN!*

+ Hymn #9 “Glory Be to the Father” (Gloria Patri)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

SUBMITTING OURSELVES TO THE LIVING WORD OF GOD

The Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament)

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Sacrament of Baptism for Lynne Ann Houston

(There will be no Children’s Message today, but youth are invited forward to the front pew to view the celebration up-close before heading to Sunday School.)

Message:

Week 1 of Real Freedom: “Fasting for Freedom

(A Primer on Why We Do Lent and Why It Matters/Is Worth It)”

*** [with Luke 4:1-13] ***

+ Hymn of Response #44 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE (Committing Ourselves & our Gifts)

Prayers of The People (Joys and Concerns) and The Lord’s Prayer

(using “sins” and “those who sin against us”)

Prayer Response “**Lord Have Mercy Upon Us (Kyrie)”**

*Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Bringing our Gifts and Thanksgiving Before The LORD

Call to Offering

Offertory

+ Offertory Response #7 “Doxology”

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

+ Prayer of Dedication ^[informed by Romans 10:8-13] *(responsive)*

Leader: Striving to be those who keep YOUR Word on our lips and in our hearts, we bring these offerings before YOU.

PEOPLE: With faith, we share these gifts. May they serve to tell all people that if we confess Jesus as Lord with our mouths, and believe in our hearts that YOU raised him from the dead, then we will be saved.

Leader: Allow our tithes, then, Gracious GOD, to encourage words and attitudes, actions and thoughts which bring about YOUR Salvation.

PEOPLE: May our living and giving assure everyone that no one who believes in YOU will be put to shame.

Leader: And guide our stewardship of these resources, we pray, so that they and we would proclaim the truth that “there is no distinction between Jew or Greek.”

ALL: *For YOU are The LORD of all, and in thanks for YOUR generosity to those who call upon YOU, we long to tell the world that, “everyone who calls upon The Name of The LORD will be saved.” AMEN!*

Carrying Christ’s Resurrection Power into The World

+ Charge and Benediction ^(Challenge & Blessing)

+ Sending Hymn #685 [vs. 1,4,5] **“For All The Saints”**

+ Postlude

WELCOME GUESTS:

If you are visiting us today, our prayer is that you would see and experience the whole-life transformation offered us in Jesus.

Large print bulletins are at the entry doors of the sanctuary.

Please visit our Welcome Center. Most any information you would want to know about our ministry and/or all sign up sheets are centrally located there. Also make sure to pick up your welcome gift!

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN:

Please remember to visit our Children’s Area located to the right of the sanctuary doors. There you may sign your kids in, grab a children’s bulletin and a busy box. Also be sure to fill out a Sunday School attendance raffle form.

Our education wing is located downstairs in the lower level. We have education classes for children (during worship) and also have a nursery.

COMING NEXT WEEK:

2nd Week of Lent

Youth Service Sunday
and Camp Sunday

Theme/Message for the
Whole Family of GOD:
**“Don’t Move...It’s a Trap
(Set Free to Stand Firm)”**

Focus Text:
Luke 13:31-35
(with Psalm 27 and
Philippians 3:17-4:1)

Please join us for our hospitality social after worship in our Fellowship Hall directly behind our sanctuary.