

HYMN “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (vs. 3) # 742

## *PRAYER LITANY*

Pastor: Send out your light and your truth: let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

**Congregation: Why must I walk about mournfully because of the oppression of the enemy?**

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy: and I will praise you with the harp, O God my God.

**Congregation: Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.**

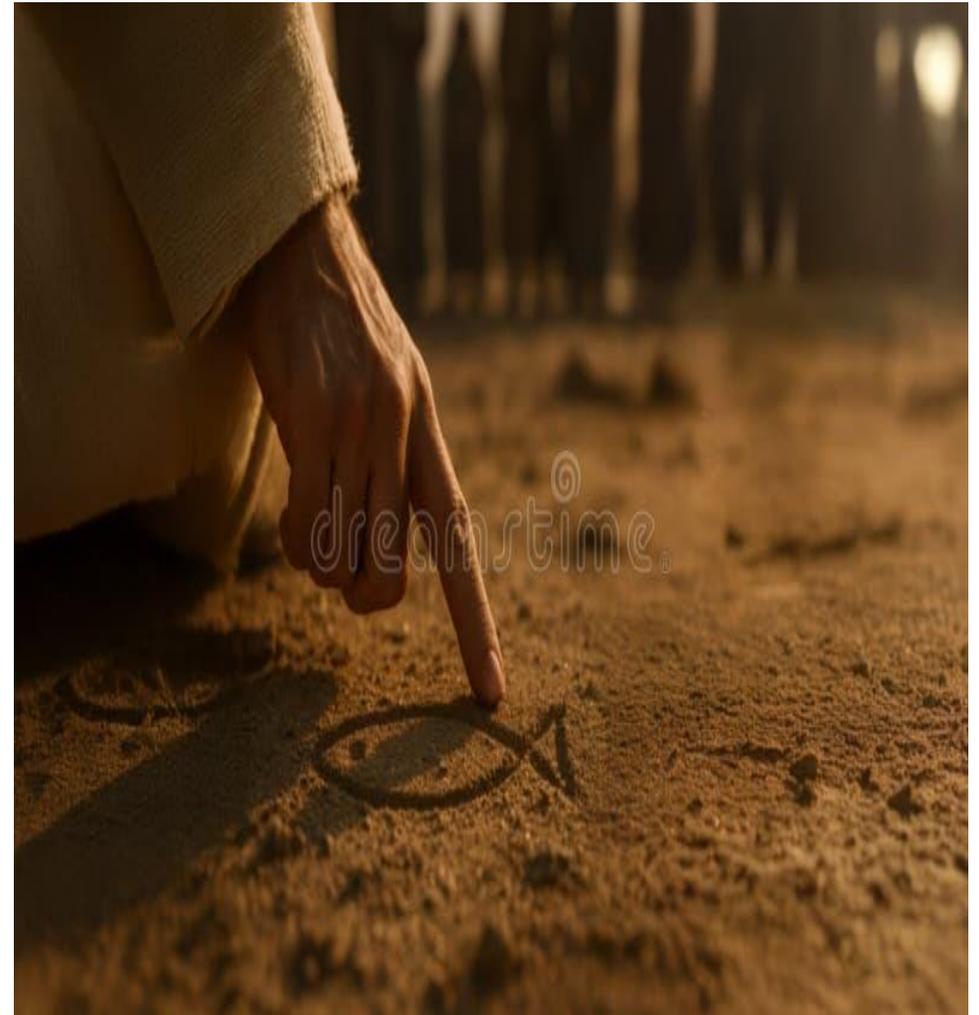
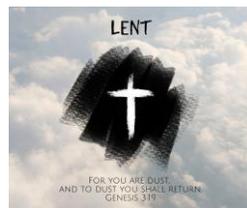
Pastor: We deserve condemnation, and you offer us the hope of salvation from the cross that we might be whole. O Lord help us to see more clearly the need to be pure in your love and proclaim, through our depression and doubt, that you are our savior. Amen

The Lord’s Prayer

The Benediction

*A moment in silence for reflection*

Closing Music



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**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

\*please stand

Opening Music

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: As the deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?

**Congregation: My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, “Where is your God?”**

Pastor: These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

**Congregation: Why are you cast down O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God: for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.**

Invocation

Dear God, we know that our hope lies in you. Through tears and tribulation, joy and celebration you proclaim

the promise of life eternal. Help us Lord to stand firm in the hope of your Son, Jesus the Christ as we remember our past and look to your future. Amen

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**LESSON – John 8:1-11**

but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”

Lenten Message “Dust and the Past” Pastor John