

# Stewardship Messages

## Lent 2020

**February 29/March 1**

**First Sunday of Lent**

*"...It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" Matthew 4:10*

Jesus clearly shows us by example in this passage. Although he is tempted by worldly riches and power, he chose to serve God the Father. To follow Jesus, we must put God at the center of our lives, not the things of the world. During Lent, it is a good time to look at our lives and decide how we can better serve God and turn away from earthly things.

**March 7/8**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

*"Go forth from the land of your kinfolks and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." Genesis 12:1*

God calls us to place our trust in Him – and to leave our old ways behind. In some cases, this may be difficult, but God promises to show us a better way to live, and to serve Him.

**March 14/15**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

*"Jesus answered and said, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.'" John 4:13*

Jesus says that material things – even physical life essentials like water – always leave us wanting for more. Everlasting life, with joy and fulfillment, comes when we follow Jesus and become "God-centered" rather than "earthly-centered."

**March 21/22**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

*"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7*

It is easy to get caught up in the "appearance" that others see – how we dress, what we drive, where we live, how much money we make – but, none of those things matter to God. He is concerned with matters of the heart – how much we love Him and others. How do we use the gifts that God has given us to help others?

**March 28/29**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

*"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'" John 11:40*

Often it is easy to say that we believe in God, especially when life is going well. However, is it more difficult to put trust in the Lord when life is difficult and messy? But, when we are thankful for the gifts that God gives us and open our hearts to the God's presence in our lives daily, we are much more able to put our trust in Him always.