

Faith United Methodist Church

Second Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2020

God's People Gather to Worship at 9:00 am

OPENING PRAYER

As we kneel before you in worship, we give thanks, O God, as you are faithful and call us to faithfulness. Grant us the grace to trust in your faithfulness and the courage to be faithful ourselves, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

GREETING Welcome, trusting one.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader God is our Rock and our Strength

People We put our trust in the God who cares for us.

Leader Let us share with others that God is faithful.

People We will spread the news of God's faithfulness.

Leader Talk about God, but also show God's faithfulness by being a people of trust.

† OPENING HYMN 467

Trust and Obey

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader Let us confess to God and before one another our sins, and especially our failure to trust in God completely.

People We confess to you, O God and before one another that we have sinned. We have placed our trust and faith in human people, human institutions, and ourselves. We think that wealth and power are the things that will keep us safe and bring us blessing. We have forgotten the teachings of Jesus that it is forgiveness, love, and service that brings blessings to us and to others. Forgive us, and by the power of your Spirit give us the true faith that looks to you and your love as the only true security. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

Musical Interlude

Jeff Murphy

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is the One we trust in at all times. Even when we have forsaken God, God does not forsake us. Receive once again God's Spirit and be filled with faith in the truth of God's love and grace.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O Great Spirit, move among us, within us, and around us if necessary, that your Kingdom might come and your will be done, according to your living Word this day.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

Page 8, pew Bible

† NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Page 797, pew Bible

OFFERTORY

God of the wilderness, may we live and give with generous hearts, with open hands. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Page 95, UMH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Creator God, you cradle us with your sanctifying spirit. In sharing these gifts, change our timid murmurs of faith to joyful proclamations of your holy will. We believe and pray in the name of Jesus. Amen. (Romans 4:1-5, 13-17) Copyright © 2020 David S. Bell. Reprinted with permission from www.DavidSBell.org.

† HYMN 140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Vs 1-2)

SERMON

So Abram Went

Rev. David A. E. Whitt

INVITATIONAL HYMN 140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Vs 3)

SHARING OF CONCERNS: We bring all we have to God who hears our prayers.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Faithful are you, O God, and greatly to be praised. In the midst of all that fails, you are our Rock. We give you thanks for your faithfulness, which supports us all the days of our lives. We thank you for those who mirror our faithfulness and care for us. We thank you for the opportunities we have to be your trustworthy children. We pray for all who are in need, and especially for those who find no one and nothing that they feel they can trust. We pray for those who have been hurt because they put their faith in people who have failed them. All these things we ask in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together, saying,

LORD'S PRAYER (...TRESPASSES)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF JOYS

† CLOSING HYMN 462

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

† BENEDICTION

Go out into the world at the call of God. Find your help in the Lord, and allow the Spirit to carry you wherever she blows. And may God shelter you from evil and keep you from stumbling. May Christ Jesus secure your life in faith, and may the Holy Spirit carry you on the winds of God's love.

All: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of Christ. Amen.

† HYMN 666

Shalom to You

† Please stand if you are able.