

WORSHIP HANDOUT

Sunday March 5th
Second Sunday of Lent
Communion Sunday



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*SONG OF WELCOME TFWS 2236 Gather Us In

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ridges and Rivers,

We find God in the most unexpected places.

Ups and Downs,

We find God in the most unexpected people.

God is with us as the door is opened,

God helps us see how he's been at work in our lives. Amen.

HYMN TFWS 2254 In Remembrance of Me

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we give thanks for the gift of the table and the opportunity to connect with you and one another. Help us to see where you are at work in our midst and in our hearts. During this season of Lent we ask that you help refresh us to be brought closer to you that we may join you more fully in the work in our midst as our hearts are transformed. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

ANTHEM Lenten Walk, arr. by Hopson

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER Joy Joy Joy v I

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayers/Names of the People

PASTORAL AND SILENT PRAYER (MUSIC)

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory now and forever. Amen.

HYMN: TFWS 2050 Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

*UNISON PRAYER

Almighty God,
giver of every good and perfect gift,
teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are,
that we may praise you not with our words only,
but with our whole lives. Amen.

LESSON I

Genesis 12:1-4a CEB

The Lord said to Abram, “Leave your land, your family, and your father’s household for the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation and will bless you. I will make your name respected, and you will be a blessing.

**³ I will bless those who bless you,
those who curse you I will curse;
all the families of the earth
will be blessed because of you.”**

⁴ Abram left just as the Lord told him, and Lot went with him. Now Abram was 75 years old when he left Haran.

May God add a blessing to this reading.

***LESSON 2**

John 3:1-17 CEB

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a Jewish leader. ² He came to Jesus at night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could do these miraculous signs that you do unless God is with him.”

³ Jesus answered, “I assure you, unless someone is born anew, it’s not possible to see God’s kingdom.”

⁴ Nicodemus asked, “How is it possible for an adult to be born? It’s impossible to enter the mother’s womb for a second time and be born, isn’t it?”

⁵ Jesus answered, “I assure you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it’s not possible to enter God’s kingdom. ⁶ Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Don’t be surprised that I said to you, ‘You must be born anew.’ ⁸ God’s Spirit blows wherever it wishes. You hear its sound, but you don’t know where it comes from or where it is going. It’s the same with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹ Nicodemus said, “How are these things possible?”

¹⁰ “Jesus answered, “You are a teacher of Israel and you don’t know these things? ¹¹ I assure you that we speak about what we know and testify about what we have seen, but you don’t receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you don’t believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Human One. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so must the Human One be lifted up ¹⁵ so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. ¹⁶ God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won’t perish but will have eternal life. ¹⁷ God didn’t send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

L: This is the Word of God for all people.

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Born of Love

*HYMN UMH 389 Freely, Freely

*BENEDICTION and RESPONSE

UMH 269 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days, vs. 2

POSTLUDE