

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 8, 2020

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting Time Brice Smith

Prelude “I Love You, Lord” Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

*Call to Worship

I look to the hills! Where will I find help?

**Our help comes from the Lord, who created the heavens
and the earth.**

The Lord is your protector, and he won't go to sleep or let you
stumble in the dark.

The protector of Israel doesn't doze or ever get drowsy.

The Lord is your protector, there at your right side to shade you
from the sun.

**We will not be harmed by the sun during the day or by the
moon at night.**

The Lord will protect you and keep you safe from all dangers.

The Lord will protect us now and always wherever you go.

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*Opening #16 “The God of Abraham Praise” *Leoni*

*Union Opening Prayer – Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before us, we may run the
way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting
joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Songs of Praise

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Old Testament Reading Pat Carpenter Genesis 12:1-4a

New Testament Reading Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

*Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17

*Response BH

“Faith is the Victory”

Sankey

Call to Confession

**Silent Reflection and Prayer of Confession – Almighty God,
truly your Son has come, ushering in your kingdom and
performing mighty deeds in your presence. Yet, we confess,
we have been slow of heart to believe; we have remained
attached to worldly concerns and neglected spiritual matters
of eternal importance. Forgive us, O Lord, for wasting
previous time, for mishandling your gift of faith, and for giving
our attention on things that will not endure or satisfy. Refresh
us and give us new life under the grace and in the power of
your Holy Spirit. Give us the resolve to do your will, wisdom
to discern your truth, and the living water of your Spirit, that
we may drink deeply and forever find refreshment in the rive
of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Presentation to our Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings & Prayer

Offertory

Children's Message (3rd Grade and younger to Junior Church)

Message “The Cross Makes No Sense Apart from Faith”
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

*Invitation to Faith and Fellowship – If the Spirit of God is
moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to
be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you
to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

*Song #287

“Lift High the Cross”

Crucifer

