

Dear United Church Congregation,

I'm sure we are ready for a few days of somewhat warmer temperatures and better conditions for walking out our front doors (not that we're not grateful for the needed snow!). Along with all the weather this week, we did enter the season of Lent and held our Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday. It may be viewed from our website or Youtube channel. This Sunday I'm beginning a Lenten sermon series inspired by the six stained glass windows in the Sanctuary, titled: "Windows to Heaven" (Helen Lindberg's title in the church's history book).

This week's reading will be from the 21st chapter of the Book of Revelation. It is represented by the "The New Jerusalem" window (created by: Glenn Rigg). The words "new" and "first" have a striking relationship from this passage. If you have a moment to read it before the worship service on Sunday: How is "first" related to "new"? How does this "new" from Revelation 21 exist in our existence and life of faith now? What is most hopeful (and less intimidating) about this?

Join us for worship this Sunday at 9:30am at Unitedchurchla.org, on our Youtube channel (link on our website), or on PAC 8 at 7pm.

Scripture Reading: Revelation 21:1-5

Sermon: "The New Jerusalem"- 1st sermon from "Windows to Heaven" Lenten series

Join us for Coffee and Fellowship at 10:30am (see "Sunday Coffee & Classes" email).

Classes for children begin at 10:45am; youth and adults at 11:15am.

Adult Lent Classes:

The "Sabbath" by Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel (see Feb. Chimes). Facilitated by Kara Windler.

Psalms for Lent: Psalms in the New Testament. Facilitated by David Elton

In Our Prayers this Week: Patti W., Louis & Caleb R., John R., Richard S., Bob E., Betty O., John G., Dale B., Father Joe M.

People around our country who were/are without power, clean water and experiencing damage from the incredibly cold temperatures... especially in Texas (Family members of Keith and David are doing well).

We celebrate with Zena and Fred Thomas in the birth of their granddaughter, Zoe Blake Nadar, daughter of Sean and Becca Nader, on February 16, 2021!

Grace and peace,
David