

### **HOME WORSHIP**

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"We proclaim God's Word to the world according to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and strive to be Christ-like in all that we do."

Joyce K. Allen, Pastor Blanket Sunday

February 21, 2021

**First Sunday of Lent** 

## **GATHERING**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

Eternal God, as darkness gives way to light and winter sleep to fresh beginnings, we come today to be reminded of God's love for us. Like the green shoots of renewed life, stirring beneath the soil, we welcome an awakening of God's word in our lives.

In this time of reflection and repentance, we open our hearts, our minds, our souls to you. Speak Lord, for your servants are listening. Amen.

HYMN FOR REFLECTION

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Spirit Song

#### **PRAYING**

#### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving Lord, at the beginning of this Lenten season, we are met with the challenge of handing over every bit of our lives that do not come from you. Help us to rid ourselves of what clutters our lives, and all that distracts us from the simple truth of your love for us.

If we don't take on or give anything up for Lent, then let us at least give up this: that we might cease living in ways that disconnect us from you. Perhaps this Lent, we can give up our way and give ourselves to your way for us. So, lead and guide us on this Lenten way. May we walk with Jesus toward the hill just outside of Jerusalem. May we like Him take up our cross and follow, spending each moment of our lives living responsively to you, just as Christ himself did. We lift our prayers to you in his name. Amen.

#### SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER p. 895

**PROCLAIMING** 

FIRST LESSON Genesis 9: 8-17

ANTHEM Trust and Obey Cindy Feyler

SECOND LESSON Mark 1: 9-15

SERMON "Covenant" Rev. Joyce Allen

RESPONDING

HYMN FOR REFLECTION 467 Trust and Obey

#### UNISON BENEDICTION

Wherever you wander this Lenten season, walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God, walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most high, walk in faith, knowing Christ walks with you. Amen.

#### MINISTERS THIS MORNING

GREETERS Judy Clark

Maralena Dropp

Jessica Feyler

ORGANIST Cindy Feyler

TECH SUPPORT Greg Milunich

ADMIN. ASST. Jim Shaffer

CUSTODIAN Paul Lewis

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Upper Rooms: The March through December issues of the daily devotional are in the sanctuary or may be picked up at the office. Donations (\$1). Also, Our Daily Bread March through February.

# **KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Ogden shut-ins Bob Fagan Dick McKane Richard Haycook

Rodney Councilman & family (Ruth McMullen's brother)

#### **GIVING STATMENTS**

Each year the church generates statements for those folks who have given funds to the church. Many people use these for tax purposes. In the past they have been available for pickup in the Ever Ready room, most are not picked up. This year we have printed the statement and they are available at the church office for pickup.

#### **RUMMAGE SALE BY APPOINTMENT**

The Rummage Sale is now open by appointment only.

Please call for an appointment:

Judy Clark: (607) 768 – 7301, Donna Church: (919) 279 – 3624

#### NOW TAKING DONATIONS FOR THE RUMMAGE SALE

Call the Church Office, 723-2637 9am – 2pm to schedule drop off or call

Judy Clark: (607) 768 – 7301.



WORDS: John Wimber, 1979 MUSIC: John Wimber, 1979



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# Trust and Obey



WORDS: John H. Sammis, 1887 (1 Jn 1:7) MUSIC: Daniel B. Towner, 1887

