

Hymn

“Where He leads Me”

UMH#338

Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Sandy Johnson, Kathi Schutz, Denny Lange, Marjorie Hultquist, and Lori Conyers’s Parents.

Happy Birthday to Sirena Havens, Shirley Fellers, Tom Taylor, Joe Hultquist, Janell Shelton, Vivian Bunger, Larry Evans, and Payden Havens.

Happy Anniversary to Merlin & Lynette Beahm—46 years.

Pastoral Prayer—Lord’s Prayer

Doxology “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH#94

Offertory Prayer

God of all, you love us and have claimed us. As you blessed Sarah and Abraham, you have invited us into the blessing of connection within the family of humanity whom you continue to bless. We give our tithes and offerings in celebration of the depths of our blessing and pray that they will strengthen the church across the world to bless all your children. In the holy name of Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, we pray in gratitude. Amen.

Closing Hymn “The Church of Christ, in Every Age” UMH#589

Benediction

Place your trust in God’s guidance. Go into this world that is in such need of hope and healing with the love of Christ in your hearts. Though the journey is long, God will sustain you. Go in peace, and may God’s peace always go with you. AMEN.

Postlude

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Vision for 2021:

Overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace, as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
(Romans 15:13 NIV)

SECOND SUNDAY
in
LENT

Order of Worship
February 28, 2021

Prelude

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Welcome and Announcements

1. We are offering live-streaming worship on both Facebook and YouTube. Please put your names on either YouTube or Facebook, and then we will know you are with us.
2. For this Lenten season, we are following the Lenten practices. Please pick up the sheet at the entrance of the church.
3. The Easter Cards are ready at the entrance of the sanctuary. Each card is only one dollar, and we will use the funds for the ministry of the church.
4. Pastor Peter has started a Bible study for the season of Lent with the book, ‘Final Words’ written by Adam Hamilton. He will post pre-recorded videos six times until Easter. You can watch at your comfortable time. If you are interested, please contact the church office or Pastor Peter.
5. Last week we received offerings of \$3,570. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: Let us turn our minds from human things.

P: Our faith in Jesus saves us.

L: Let us set our minds on divine things.

P: Our faith in Jesus saves us.

L: We will deny ourselves and take up our cross.

P: Our faith in Jesus saves us.

L: We will lose all; that we may gain all.

P: Our faith in Jesus saves us.

Opening Prayer

God, you have given us everything.

What can we give in return for our lives?

Be our guide on our Lenten journey.

Help us to deny ourselves,

pick up our cross and follow Jesus.

We welcome the chastening direction in our lives
as we worship you today.

Silent Prayer

Opening Hymn “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” UMH#140

Children’s Message Ginger Frizane

Scriptures

Genesis 17:1-7 & 15-16 (NIV)

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, “I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.”

Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. God also said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her.”

Mark 8:31-38 (NIV)

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message “Keeping the Covenant” Pastor Peter Choi

