

February 28, 2021 – Lent 2

The Church gathers – we come together as people of the spirit

Welcome and Announcements

Acknowledgment of Traditional Territory

The Call to Worship & Candle Lighting

The flame of faith glows with steadfastness, as we gather, one community of faith. The journey calls us forward, trusting in the promise of God's future, willing to leave behind self-interest and take up the cross of discipleship.

There is life and light in the way of Christ. (*Candle lighting*) See it glows as stars in the sky. Come let us worship for we are God's people.

Opening Hymn: VU 642, Be Thou My Vision

Gathering Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Faithful and covenant God,
you gather us in the promise of your future.
Like Abraham and Sarah, you invite us to trust in you,
and to believe in what can yet be.
Through Jesus, you challenge us to examine
the soul of our living,
and to embrace the cost of walking in his way.
In trust and in a willingness to follow,
we offer our worship and our adoration.
Open our ears to hear our name,
break open our hearts with the truth of who we are called
to be,
strengthen our being to let go, in order to find our life.

We come seeking to walk the way Christ,
and yet we confess how hard we find the way.
Forgive us when we laugh at your promise,
Forgive us when we fail to be defined by your love and grace,

Forgive us when we find the cross of the Gospel more than we are willing to bear.

And then in your everlasting love and promise
set us on the path of life
where promise shines as stars in the sky
and the cross we carry is made bearable by your mercy.

This we pray as Jesus taught us... **Lord's Prayer**

Assurance:

This is the good news of the Gospel,
to the repentant heart
there is promised healing and wholeness.
In Christ new life is given. Thanks be to God!

To Hear the Story – we listen for the wisdom of God's spirit

Scripture in Story:

Genesis 17 (a covenant with Abraham & Sarah)

Gospel Lesson: Mark 8:31-28 *Beth Brownlee*

One: These words are offered as wisdom for our journey.

All: Let us walk together in their truth

Reflection: "Names, Identity and More..."

Music for Reflection

To Be the Story – we respond with spirit-filled faith and service

Offering the Prayers of the People *Peter Haddow*

Sharing our Gifts – Invitation and Dedication

Offertory verse: VU 642, "We Give You but Your Own"

Prayer of Dedication

Holy, Generous God, may the gifts of our living and the gifts of our treasures be a blessing and further the work of your Gospel. Amen

To Tell the Story – the sending forth

Hymn: VU 808, On Eagles' Wings

The Sending Forth

God knows your name, God knows all of you,
**God knows us, God knows us as community,
God names us as followers of Christ.**
So we go from this place to carry the joy and burden of
being true to God, ourselves and our calling.

The way is long - let us go together.
The way is difficult - let us help each other.
The way is joyful - let us share it.

The way is ours alone - let us go in love, knowing that we are
blessed by the Holy Creator who gives us life, the Christ who
walks with us, and the Sacred Spirit who holds us in love.
Amen

Choral Response

As our path wanders onward to the rising of the sun,
may the wind that moves among us, help us travel through
all harm, 'til the evening of life shines forth into dawn, may
God be with us as we go, as we go, in peace.

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Worship Leadership Team

Interim Minister: Rev. Lillian Roberts

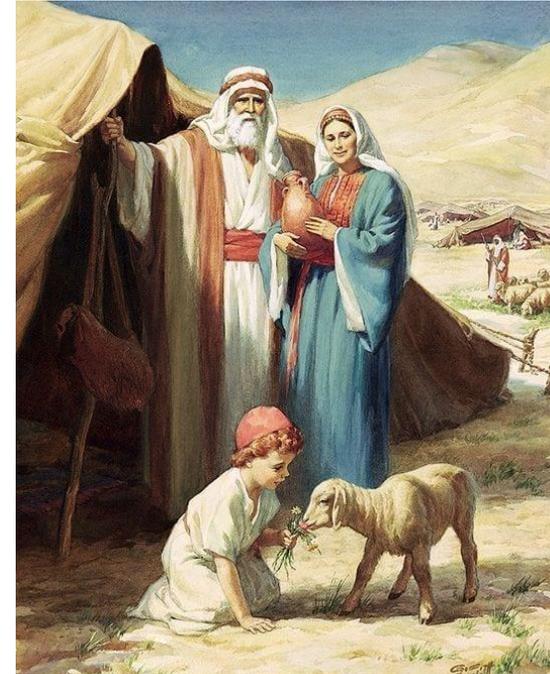
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Worship at St. Andrew's "Names, Identity and More..."



Abraham (Abram) and Sarah (Sarai)
with their son, Isaac

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