

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Feb 21, 2016

9:00 am

(*) Please Stand as Able

Bold Print - Please Say In Unison

Who is Abraham? Abraham is given a high position of respect in three major world faiths, Judaism, Christianity and Islam. In Judaism he is the founding father of the Covenant, the special relationship between the Jewish people and God – a belief which gives the Jews a unique position as the Chosen People of God. In Christianity, the Apostle Paul taught that Abraham's faith in God made him the prototype of all believers. The Islamic prophet Muhammad claimed Abraham, whose submission to God constituted *Islam*, as a "believer before the fact" and undercut Jewish claims to an exclusive relationship with God and the Covenant. As a result of his unwavering faith in God, Abraham was promised by God to be a leader to all the nations of the world.

WELCOME -Please sign the Pew Pad & pass it to the next person

PRELUDE

Cry of My Heart, Terry Butler
Nancy Dickinson, Organist/Keyboard

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The Lord is my light and my salvation—

P: whom shall I fear?

L: The Lord is the stronghold of my life—

P: of whom shall I be afraid?

L: I am still confident of this:

P: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

L: Wait for the Lord;

P: be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

L: Grace, mercy and peace to you in the name of the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**P: The Lord is my light and my salvation; the Lord is the
stronghold of my life. Amen!**

***PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE –** Please pray with me...

**God of promises fulfilled, we gather as descendants of Abraham;
we stand before you as faithful testimony to your covenant; we
assemble as living proof that your love for humanity knows no
limits. When we feel overwhelmed by the stresses of daily life,
we need only look at the stars in the sky to remember your
abiding faithfulness. When we are overcome with despair by the
pain of war and poverty in our world, we need only see the light
of a single candle to remember the one you sent as our light, our
strength, and our salvation. We pray now in the name of that
light, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE/ TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

UMH 110

HEBREW BIBLE READING GENESIS 15:1-12, 17-18

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, we are quick to join Abram's doubt and impatience,
but we find it difficult to copy Abraham's faith and trust.**

**We want to believe your promises, but the here-and-now
problems of daily life consume our focus and erode our faith.**

**Open our eyes to your light. Open our hearts to your love. Open
our minds to your possibilities. Speak to us today, O God, and
strengthen our faith, that we, too, may know the everlasting
power of your love.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When God is with us, whom shall we fear? The God of salvation will
never forsake you. God's patience knows no limits. Wait for the Lord.
Be strong and take heart.

RESPONSIVE READING – PSALM 27 VS 1-3

L: The Lord is my light and my salvation—

P: whom shall I fear?

L: The Lord is the stronghold of my life—

P: of whom shall I be afraid?

L: When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when enemies
and my foes attack me,

P: they will stumble and fall.

L: Though an army besiege me,

P: my heart will not fear;

L: though war break out against me,

P: even then will I be confident.

L: I am still confident of this:

P: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

L: Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

**P: The Lord is my light and my salvation; the Lord is the stronghold
of my life.**

MESSAGE

"Abraham"

Pastor Barb Wells

***HYMN**

You Are Mine

TFWS 2218

OFFERTORY

Thy Holy Wings, O Savior, Swedish Folk Tune

***DOXOLOGY** *Now Thank We All Our God (Vs 3)* UMH #102

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION –**

Faithful God, you have kept your promises to us. Our lives give witness to your abundant blessings. May we faithfully keep our promises to you. Strengthen our commitment to live as true disciples of Jesus Christ. Your love sustains us, guides us, and empowers us. Take these gifts as signs of our promise to give ourselves completely into your care—to live without fear; to trust your love without reservation. Amen.

***HYMN** “Great is Thy Faithfulness ” UMH #140

***SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE *Siyahamba*, South African Folk Tune
Please remain seated until the Postlude has ended.

Thank you for worshipping with us. We invite you to join us for coffee and friendship following this worship service in Fellowship hall – downstairs below the Sanctuary.

Our Mission is:
“*To Make Christ Known*”

Our Church serves our community and the world, by realizing and sharing the satisfying and abundant life Christ brings to all people. Our Church is a place where love is present, hurts are healed, joys and concerns are shared and supported by prayer.

WE WELCOME YOU!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We are glad you are here! Please complete the information in our Friendship Book (black folder) located at the end of the pew along the center aisle. Our Worship Services are 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday and 6:00 PM Wednesday Night in Fellowship Hall. Join us for a potluck supper at 5:30 PM.

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HAPPY MOMENTS,
Praise God.
DIFFICULT MOMENTS,
Seek God.
QUIET MOMENTS,
Worship God.
PAINFUL MOMENTS,
Trust God.
EVERY MOMENT,
Thank God.

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