

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Feb 21, 2016

10:30 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**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*He Said Peace* by Aaron Wilborn

Steven Zych, Guitar

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Light, space, zest—that's God!

**P: With God on our side, we're fearless, afraid of no one and nothing.**

L: Come on in—we're in God's place!

**P: We're ready to offer anthems and songs that will raise the roof!**

L: Let's join in making music to God.

**P: We want to sing God-songs!**

**SONGS**

*I Have Decided*

SB #50

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

Lord, we aren't always willing to let go of the things that bind us, even those which harm our spirits and diminish our souls. We cling to our problems as though they provide some degree of comfort and stability. Help us to let go of the pain, the problems, the chains that bind our souls. Open our hearts to trust in you. Place us on the journey with confidence and assurance of your presence - always in your loving care. When we have fallen, lift us up. When we think we can go no further, pick us up and carry us until we can walk again. When we wonder if you made the right choice in calling us to our ministry and mission, ease our fears, confirm our hopes, bless our hearts with your loving presence; that in all things you may be glorified. AMEN.

**SONG**

*Lonesome Valley*

SB #97

**PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE/ TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**There is a certain winter in our spirits today, O Lord. There are so many other things in our lives which claim our spirits, our energy, our hopes and fears. The world shouts its solutions to us and then deserts us when we are in need. Forgive us for the many times in which we have doubted you; when we have chosen not to hear the cries of those in need; when we have belittled the gifts and skills you have given us in order to avoid serving others. Heal us, O Lord. Place us back on your path to Jerusalem, to live, for we ask this in Jesus' name. AMEN.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

When God called your name, God called you to a journey of faith. Do not be afraid to look inside to see those things which are holding you back from being who God created you to be. Place your trust in God who is always with you, loving you into wholeness. AMEN.

**SONG**

*Old Friend*

SB #127

**HEBREW BIBLE READING**

**GENESIS 15:1-12, 17-18**

**MESSAGE**

"Abraham"

Pastor Barb Wells

**OFFERTORY**

**\*CALYPSO DOXOLOGY**

SB #3

**\*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.**

**SONG**

*Come Quickly, O Lord*

SB #39

**\*SENDING FORTH**

**POSTLUDE**

*Siyahamba*, South African Folk Tune

Please remain seated until the Postlude has ended.

*Thank you for worshipping with us.*

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.

**CHILD CARE**

Children's Church is celebrated at the 9:00 AM Service. Children from pre-school through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade attend the beginning of Service then leave with Barb Gausman after the Prayers of the People and Time with the Children. Younger and older Children are encouraged to sit in Worship with their family. There are cloth bags in the back of the sanctuary with crayons and activities and also a basket of small toys for your child to use if they remain in the Sanctuary.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Kid's Club, Christian Education for Children, Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, takes place on Wednesday Nights from 6-7 during the school year in Classroom 203. A Pre-school class is also available in the Nursery across the Hall from the Kid's Club Room.

**COFFEE HOUR IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following the 9:00 am worship service and prior to the 10:30 am worship service, for coffee and snacks. This is a great time to greet visitors and connect with your church family.

**HOW TO REACH US**

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