

Order of Worship for the Second Sunday in Lent
March 5, 2023

The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson, Designated Term Pastor
Diane Dawson Dexter, Organist
John Klimczak, Trumpeter

Prelude “Let There Be Peace on Earth” Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Our faith depends upon the grace of God.

Praise the Lord, who gives life to the dead!

Our ancestor Abraham trusted in the Lord,

and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.

Jesus calls us to be his disciples.

We take up our cross and follow him.

Prayer of the Day

God of our forebears, as your chosen servant Abraham was given faith to obey your call and go out into the unknown, so may your church be granted such faith that we may follow you with courage for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

Hymn 710 “Faith of Our Fathers”

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you created us and called us good. You graciously placed us in your garden and provided everything we might need. Yet we are tempted and succumb to our desires. We sin against you, disobeying your commandments. We sin against others, causing suffering and sorrow. Forgive us. Strengthen us by your faithful Spirit and cover us with the righteousness of Christ, so that we may turn away from evil and live according to your word, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Genesis 12:1-9

New Testament Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Sermon “*Creatio ex Caritate*” Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Offertory “Help Us Accept Each Other” John Ness Beck

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we thank you for your countless blessings in our lives. Even our faith in Jesus Christ is a gift we have received from you. Please use our gifts and offerings to further the church’s mission, providing opportunities for people to grow in wisdom and to spread the harmony of your peace. We through Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord’s Supper

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

(Prayer continues.) ... Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

... Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Prayers of the Church and the Lord’s Prayer (*trespasses*)

Sharing of the Elements and Prayer After Communion

Hymn 707 “Hymn of Promise”

Benediction Dr. Anderson

Postlude “Triumphal March” Edvard Grieg

Genesis 12:1-9

1 “The Lord had said to Abram, ‘Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you. 2 I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. 3 I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.’ 4 So Abram departed as the Lord had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. 5 He took his wife, Sarai, his nephew Lot, and all his wealth—his livestock and all the people he had taken into his household at Haran—and headed for the land of Canaan. When they arrived in Canaan, 6 Abram traveled through the land as far as Shechem. There he set up camp beside the oak of Moreh. At that time, the area was inhabited by Canaanites. 7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, ‘I will give this land to your descendants.’ And Abram built an altar there and dedicated it to the Lord, who had appeared to him. 8 After that, Abram traveled south and set up camp in the hill country, with Bethel to the west and Ai to the east. There he built another altar and dedicated it to the Lord, and he worshiped the Lord. 9 Then Abram continued traveling south by stages toward the Negev.”

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

1 “What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the scripture say? ‘Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.’ 4 Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. 5 But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. ... 13 For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14 If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15 For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. 16 For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, 17 as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’) -- in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.”

“Whoever you are and wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here.”



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