

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.

PRELUDE *I Saw the Cross of Jesus* - Broughton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: From where will our help come?

All: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

One: Who is our keeper?

All: The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.

One: How long will God protect us?

**All: God will keep our going out and our coming in,
from this time on and forevermore.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*OPENING HYMN *To God Be the Glory* Hymnal 485

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born anew into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.
(Silent prayers may be made)

*RESPONSE *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us* Hymnal 572

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE *Gloria Patri* Hymnal 579

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

(During flu season, we will not be greeting one another).

LISTEN

RESPONSE *Jesus Loves Me (verse 1)* Hymnal 304
(Children and youth may come forward during song).

A TIME WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH

RESPONSE *Thy Word (chorus only)*

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. (Repeat)

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING Genesis 12:1-4a Pew Bible p. 8

PSALM Psalm 121 Pew Bible p. 440

SECOND READING Romans 4:1-5 Pew Bible p. 798

GOSPEL READING John 3:1-17 Pew Bible p. 751

SERMON "God of Second Chances" Rev. Jennifer Olson

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed Hymnal p. 14

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

RESPOND

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Peace Be Unto You*

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* Hymnal 592

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GO WITH GOD

*HYMN *What Wondrous Love is This* Hymnal 85

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE *The Greatness of the Lord*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone is invited to the **Annual Spud Feed** today after the worship service in Fellowship Hall. The F & O Committee is serving baked potatoes with all sorts of toppings. Join us for a time of good food and fellowship!

Tonight is our first Lenten Movie & Popcorn Night. We'll be watching "**Same Kind of Different As Me**" beginning at 6:30 pm. Based on the NY Times Bestseller List book, it's the true story of a millionaire and a homeless man who meet at a soup kitchen. Ron Hall grudgingly volunteers there at his wife's insistence, and meets Denver Moore, and an unlikely and remarkable friendship develops. Rated PG-13.

THIS WEEK . . .

Sun. Mar. 8	9:00 am	Sunday School for Children and Youth
	10:30 am	Worship Service followed by Spud Feed
Mon. Mar. 9	7:00 pm	Worship Committee meeting
Tues. Mar. 10	7:00 pm	Christian Education Committee meeting
Wed. Mar. 11	10:00 am	Eventide Communion Service
	2:00 pm	F & O Birthday Bingo at Denison Care Center
	6:00 pm	Youth Group
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs. Mar. 12	10:00 am	Bible Study

NEXT WEEK . . .

Sun. Mar. 15	9:00 am	Sunday School for Children and Youth
	10:30 am	Worship Service followed by Coffee Hour
Wed. Mar. 17	6:00 pm	Youth Group at UPC
Thurs. Mar. 18	10:00 am	Bible Study

TODAY'S MINISTERS . . .

Rev. Jennifer Olson, Pastor	Jacob Halsey, Liturgist
Marilynn Jepsen, Organist	Kristy Zenk, Choir Director
Kathy Jones, Tech Team	
Hannah & Daniel, Candlelighters	

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***You are invited, in the name of Christ, to observe a holy Lent,
by self-examination and penitence,
by prayer and fasting,
by works of love,
and by meditating on God's word.***

**2nd Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2020**