

Order of Worship
Second Sunday in Lent
(**please stand if able*)

MORNING MEDITATION

My soul faints with longing for your salvation, but I have put my hope in your word.
Psalm 119:81

PRELUDE

Steven Monska

******CALL TO WORSHIP**

Carolyn Burrows

Leader: O Lord, as we come into worship, let us pray that your spirit will come among us,
People: To calm our anxieties and fears; and to hear the wonderful words of the gospel.

Leader: Center us, O loving God, so that we will hear your divine call and be guided by your infinite love in our daily lives.

People: Help us to welcome your Truth; so that we are molded and refined into living your wisdom.

Leader: Open us, O God, so that we understand your sacrifice. Let not forget to be grateful for your gift of our Savior.

People: O Lord, be with us as we worship; as we pray and sing your praises.

******OPENING HYMN: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"**

UMH # 117

INVOCATION

Carolyn Burrows

Leader: O Lord, in the Lenten season; with its reminders of suffering, draw close to us that we have the assurance to ask in prayer for the things that we do not dare ask others.

People: Give us a sense of patience and grace, that we will love one another for the long haul, lest we forget ourselves in moments of temptation.

Leader: Find in us a desire and a willingness to forgive and to accept the forgiveness of others...

People: O God, as we pray to you; give us a sense of relief for if we put our burdens in your hands we are free. Free to do what is right in each moment of our lives.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. David F. Hurst

Leader: Dear God, as this world seems to be less and less kind, we marvel at your patience. We lament the lack of faith and discipleship. We complain to you about the shortcomings of others. But keep us centered and unafraid; so that might learn from your suffering.

People: We know, dear God, that you care for us through your infinite love. We know of your passion for us. Yet we stumble easily. We lose our way and fail to be obedient to our faith. Forgive us when we stray and put our faith in money, power and security. We understand our spiritual weaknesses and we ask for your tender mercy. We remember and are grateful for your forgiving Spirit. Our hope lies solely in your love and forgiveness. Help us to endure and thrive, relying upon you for guidance. O Lord, be our rock and our redeemer.

PRAYER OF ASSURANCE It is through foolishness that God makes us wise; it is through weakness that God strengthens us to serve; it is through forgiveness that God makes us whole. We

cannot boast in what we have done, but only in the grace and joy of our God, who showers us with mercy. Amen **People: Thanks be to God! Amen!**

***** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PSALTER READING: Psalm 121 (Red Hymnal pg. 844)

Carolyn Burrows

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. David F. Hurst

Pastoral Prayers

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

SCRIPTURE READING/First Lesson: Genesis 12 1-4
(Chair Bible Old Testament pg. 10)

Carolyn Burrows

******HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Of the Father's Love Begotten" UMH # 184**

SCRIPTURE READING/Second Lesson: John 3:1-17
(Chair Bible New Testament pgs 94-94)

Rev. David F. Hurst

SERMON: "The Eye of the Needle"

Rev. David F. Hurst

MINISTRY OF GIVING

*****Doxology**

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts; Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts; Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Prayer of Dedication

*****PARTING HYMN: "Faith of our Fathers"**

UMH # 710

(please be seated following singing of hymn)

BENEDICTION

Leader: May the Lord give strength and confidence to all his people!

People: May God bless his people with peace. O God fill our hearts with humor and love.

POSTLUDE

Steven Monska

Altar Flowers this morning are given by Carolyn Burrows in loving memory of her Aunt Mary and Uncle Lenny.

Attendance for Sunday: February 23rd: Adults 30 Young Adults 0
March 1st: Adults 25 Young Adults 0

CHURCH HAPPENINGS - WEEK OF MARCH 8TH

Sunday, March 8th - Morning Worship followed by coffee hour (Library) 10am

Sunday, March 8th - Bible Study Canceled

Sunday, March 8th - SPRC Meeting - (Pastor's Office) 11:15am

Monday, March 9th - Office Hours 10am - 1pm

Wednesday, March 11th - Office Hours 8:30am - 1pm

Wednesday, March 11th - Council Meeting (Library) 6:30pm

CHURCH HAPPENINGS - WEEK OF MARCH 15TH

Sunday, March 15th - Morning Worship with Communion 10am
followed by coffee hours (Library)

Sunday, March 15th - Bible Study (Pastor's Office) 11:30am

Monday, March 16th - Office Hours 10am - 1pm

Monday, March 16th - Cot Shelter

Wednesday, March 18th - Office Hours 8:30am - 1pm

Wednesday, March 18th - Newsletter deadline

Council Meeting, Wednesday, March 11th @ 6:30pm in church Library. Please have all committee reports submitted to the church office no later than tomorrow, March 9th. All are welcome to attend this always important meeting.

Newsletter - Wednesday, March 18th is the deadline for all newsletter articles from all committees and anyone who may have news of church upcoming events, family joys, etc. You may give your article to either Joe, Dot or email to church office - email listed below.

Bustamante Family, The Bustamante family is always in need our all our prayers and financial assistance. Another payment will be mailed to them next week in the amount of \$750.00. The Worship Committee would like to thank you for your continued support for this family in their time of need, however, continued support is needed. Donations envelopes are always available on the Usher's table at the back of the Sanctuary for anyone wishing to make a donation. Place your envelope in the offering plate. Please sign the card for them on the Library table this morning.

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"OPEN HEARTS, "OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00AM**



Rev. David F. Hurst, Pastor
Stephen Monska, Guest Organist

*"Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to fulfill
God's will for the transformation of the world through
spiritual growth, education, worship and fellowship.
We express our faith through others."*

We welcome you to join us in this our journey.