

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 21 February 2021

First Sunday in Lent

ENTRANCE

Lighting of Candles and Prelude

Announcements

Greeting**: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord,
**that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.**
(Isaiah 2:5, 3c)

Opening Prayer: 268 "Lent"

Opening Hymn: 269 "Lord, Who Throughout
These Forty Days"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Call to Hear the Word: 349 "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

First Lesson: Genesis 9:8-17

Psalter: 756 (*Response 2*) Psalm 25:1-10

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Hymn of Preparation: 480 "O Love, That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

Sermon: "*Darkness*"

Affirmation of Faith: 882 "The Apostles' Creed,
Ecumenical Version"

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

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The Peace: Let us offer one another
signs of reconciliation and love
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

The Invitation: As forgiven and reconciled people,
let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Offering/Offertory

Doxology: 95 "Praise God, from whom All Blessings Flow"

Offertory Prayer: 493 "Three Things We Pray"

The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn: 140 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness "

Blessing**: God be in your head, and in your understanding.
God be in your eyes, and in your looking.
God be in your mouth, and in your speaking.
God be in your heart, and in your thinking.
God be at your end, and at your departing.
Amen.
(Sarum Liturgy, England, 13th Century., Alt.)

Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude
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