

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 28 February 2021

Second Sunday of Lent

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Announcements

Greeting**: If any want to become my followers,
let them deny themselves and take up their cross
and follow me.

**For those who want to save their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life
for my sake and for the sake of the gospel,
will save it.**

(Mark 8:34b-35)

Opening Prayer**: God, like a bakerwoman,
you bring the leaven
which causes our hopes to rise.
**With your strong and gentle hands,
shape our lives.
Warm us with your love.
Take our common lives
and touch them with your grace,
that we may nourish hope
among humanity.
We pray trusting in your name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen. (Ruth Duck, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.)**

Opening Hymn: 400 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 599 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

First Lesson: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

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Psalter: *(Insert: Alternate leader and people)* Psalm 22:23-31

Second Lesson: Romans 4:13-25

Hymn of Preparation: 338 "Where He Leads Me "

Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

Sermon: *"This generation..."*

Affirmation of Faith: 881 "The Apostles' Creed,
Traditional Version"

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

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

THANKSGIVING

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"

Prayer of Thanksgiving^:

**You've given us so much, God,
and now we present this offering to you.
It's not just our money, but our service, our prayers,
ourselves.
Receive all that we give and bless it
to make a difference in your world.
Amen.**

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The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn: 374 "Standing on the Promises"

Closing Prayer**:

Let us remember Jesus:

Who, though he was rich

yet for our sakes became poor and dwelt among us.

Who was content to be subject to his parents,
the child of a poor couple's home.

Who lived for thirty years the common life,
earning his living with his own hands
and declining no humble tasks.

Whom the people heard gladly,
for he understood their ways.

May this mind be in us which was in Christ Jesus.

Amen.

Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude_

Going Forth

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