

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**8:30 a.m. Sunday 5 March 2023**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

**ENTRANCE**

*(To help us connect, please sign the attendance pad in your pew)*

Prelude and lighting of candles

Praise choruses: 2085 "He Came Down"

Insert "For God So Loved the World"

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for illumination: 384 *(Verse 1 only)*

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

First lesson: Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalter: UMH 844 *(Response 3)* Psalm 121

Second lesson: Romans 4:1-5, 15-17

Song: 453 "More Love to Thee, O Christ"

Gospel lesson: John 3:1-17

Sermon: *"Us and them"*

Joys, concerns, prayers

**THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (Page 15ff)**

**Everybody's welcome**

**SENDING FORTH**

Song: 369 "Blessed Assurance"

Blessing: 893 UMH

Postlude and extinguishing of candles/Going forth