



February 28, 2021 2nd Sunday in Lent



Worship Participants

Minister: Pastor Meredith McGrath

Organist/Pianist: Brian Voss

Reader: Stephanie Pereboom

Abram and Sari find themselves on the outer edges of the possible. At nearly a hundred years old, God's promise of new life with even one child much less a multitude of children seems beyond belief. But God speaks into their lives and renames their reality. Abraham and Sarah are given new hope and new life. Jesus too appears on the scene speaking and moving among those most resigned or relegated to a reality devoid of hope. Among such as these God's presence and reign comes near. Jesus comes among the last, the least, and the lost renaming them 'beloved' and reshaping their reality with hope and life.

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn: *ELW 323 God Loved the World, verses 1,2, & 5*

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

God of Grace and Mystery, in the life of Jesus you reveal that Jesus' mission is not to die, but that his faithfulness to your liberating and healing mission will inevitably result in his death. Jesus commitment to the healing of humanity literally knows no limits. So much so that he is willing to suffer death, even death on a cross. And you reveal to us, through the miracle of Easter, that your life-giving power knows no limits either. As Jesus willingly poured himself out on a cross for our sake, so may we who follow him, have the courage to offer our lives in service to you, for the sake of the Gospel and the healing your whole beloved creation.

Amen.

Reading: Genesis 17:1-7,15-16

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

Sermon

Generosity Moment

Hymn: *ELW 802 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus, verses 1 & 2*

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Blessing and Sending

Postlude

For readings, refer to your Bible or use an online Bible source, such as [Bible Gateway](https://www.biblegateway.com). [NOTE: The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) is used.]