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Second Sunday in Lent

Worship Leaders

Rev. Jackie Freeman

Liturgist	*Ushers*	*Music Leader*
Tom Cheatham	Volunteers	Sarah Ritchea

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Pastor Jackie*

INTROIT *"I Know I've Been Changed"*

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Tom Cheatham*

Pilgrims, we are invited to journey through this season of Lent
towards the one who calls us each by a new name.
Disciples, we walk with Jesus wherever he leads us,
pulling our fears, our doubts, our longings behind us.
Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us,
whose promises take on flesh and blood in the good news called Jesus.

HYMN OF PRAISE *"El Shaddai"* *UMH 123*

SCRIPTURE READING *Mark 8: 31-38* *Tom Cheatham*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all, you love us and have claimed us. As you blessed Sarah and Abraham, you have invited us into the blessing of connection within the family of humanity whom you continue to bless. We give our tithes and offerings in celebration of the depths of our blessing and pray that they will strengthen the church across the world to bless all your children. In the holy name of Christ our Savior and Redeemer, we pray in gratitude. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

THE SHEMA

Sh'ma Yis'ra'el**. Sh'ma Yis'ra'el.**
Adonai Eloheinu. **Adonai Eloheinu.**
Adonai echad. **Adonai echad.**
Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone

Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your strength,
and love your neighbor as yourself.

SCRIPTURE READING *Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16* *Pastor Jackie*

MORNING MESSAGE *"Walk Before Me"* *Pastor Jackie*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you reached into Abraham and Sarah's lives and asked them to dream the impossible dream — that you would transform what appears to have been a barren and lifeless situation into one over flowing with promise and hope — and, through faith in you, they believed your promise

Forgive us, O God, if we never get beyond thinking of your call on our lives as an impossible dream or even as an unwelcome interruption.

Faithful God, the apostle Paul emphasizes Abraham's complete trust and faith in your promises and how he grew ever stronger in faith, fully convinced of your ability to fulfill what had been promised.

Forgive us, O God, when we find it hard even to hear your promises above commercial assurances of transformation — promises tempting us to trust the newest and trendiest product to realize our dreams.

Merciful God, Jesus revealed the great depth of your love in his determination to defeat evil even when this meant giving up his own life.

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Gracious and loving God, forgive our lack of trust in you; Have mercy on us and forgive us. Help us when we hesitate, and strengthen us when we are weak. Breathe your Spirit afresh into our hearts and minds — our lives — so that we have the courage to follow Jesus wherever he take us. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN *"Change My Heart, O God"* *TFWS 2152*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *"If He Changed My Name"*

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