

2nd Sunday in Lent – February 28, 2021, 9:15 AM

Gathering Music & Announcements

Call to Worship *Walk in The Light with God* (Susan C. Buttiner)

WALK... **In the light with God.**
BREATHE... **In God's breath of life and health.**
HEAR... **God's word quietly as the world moves around us.**
PRAY... **With the assurance that God is always beside you.**
FEEL... **The calm of peace and strength as God walks with *his* arm around your shoulder.**
SING... **God's praises for all to hear! Amen!**

Opening Hymn *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought* UMH 128

Opening Prayer (John D. Rayner)

When evil darkens our world, give us light. When despair numbs our souls, give us hope. When we stumble and fall, lift us up. When doubts assail us, give us faith. When nothing seems sure, give us trust. When ideals fade, give us vision. When we lose our way, be our guide! That we may find serenity in your presence, and purpose in doing your will. Amen.

Hymn *EI Shaddai* UMH 123

Celtic Centering Prayer

You are the peace of all things calm. You are the place to hide from harm.
You are the light that shines in dark. You are the heart's eternal spark.
You are the door that's open wide. You are the guest who waits inside.
You are the stranger at the door. You are the calling of the poor.
You are my LORD, and with me still. You are my love to keep me from ill.
You are the light, the truth, the way. You are my Savior this very day. **Amen.**

Silent Prayers for Help and Deliverance

Words of Assurance (Psalm 77:14-15)

You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples. With your strong arm you redeemed your people. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Hebrew Scriptures *Exodus 1:15-22*

¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." ²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Hymn *You Are My Hiding Place* TFWS 2055

Exodus 2:1-10

2 Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. **2** The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. **3** When she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. **4** His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

5 The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. **6** When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. **7** Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" **8** Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So, the girl went and called the child's mother. **9** Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So, the woman took the child and nursed it. **10** When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Special Music

River Lullaby

Nicole & Jeff Beyers

Sermon

Rev. Byron E. Brought

Organ Reflection

Communion & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Blest Are They

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Benediction

Thank you for your continued faithfulness to God through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness.

Love as Jesus Loves!

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
What-e'er I do, where-e'er I be; still 'tis his hand that leadeth me.

**He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me;
His faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.**

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters still, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis his hand that leadeth me.

Refrain

Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

Refrain

And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee since God through Jordan leadeth me.

Refrain

El Shaddai

El Shaddai, El Shaddai, El El-yonna A-do-nai;
Age to age you're still the same, by the power of your name.

El Shaddai, El Shaddai, Er-kahm-ka na A-do-nai;
We will praise and lift you high, El Shaddai.

You are My Hiding Place

You are my hiding place. You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance,
whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you, I will trust in you.

Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord."

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whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you, I will trust in you.

Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord I will trust in you."

Blest Are They

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you.

Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.

Refrain

Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God!

Refrain

Blest are they who seek peace; they are children of God.

Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs.

Refrain

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom. Shine for all to see.

Refrain