

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 28, 2021

Second Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in E minor - Bach

Karen Hickok, organist

WELCOME

WORD TO GROW BY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Mark 8:31-38

SERMON: *The Power of Enduring*

Rev. Kathy Reed

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

The new life does not release people from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, and fear. They still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems.

Nevertheless, as they mature in love and faithfulness in their life with Christ, they live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of apostles and prophets guides men and women in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips them for their ministries.

[from The Confession of 1967 (inclusive language version)]

SPECIAL MUSIC

Will You Come and Follow Me

Mary Beth Mitchell, soloist; Karen Hickok, pianist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Light Dawns on a Weary World - Hymn No. 79

Thank you to today's Liturgists:

Emmett Winn and Jeff Yost