

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 28, 2021

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*Second Sunday in Lent*

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## 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

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Thank you to today's Liturgists:

Emmett Winn and Jeff Yost