ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 28, 2021 - Second Sunday in Lent

Call to Worship & Prayer - Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 -  When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless.  And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous."  Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations.  No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations.  I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.  I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.  God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.  I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Opening Prayer - O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious

to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,

one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Opening Song - Beautiful Things

All this pain, I wonder if I'll ever find my way, I wonder if my life could really change, At all

All this earth, Could all that is lost ever be found, Could a garden come up from this ground, At all

You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of the dust, You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of us

All around, Hope is springing up from this old ground, Out of chaos life is being found, In You

You make me new You are making me new, You make me new You are making me new, (REPEAT)

Singing The Psalms Together - Psalm 22:23-31

All you who fear the Lord, praise Him; revere and glory tell; All Jacob’s children, honor Him—offspring of Is-ra-el.

24For He did not despise nor scorn th’afflicted’s suffering; Nor hid His face from him, but heard the cry which he did bring.

25Within the congregation great, my praise shall be of Thee; Before all those who fear You, I’ll fulfill my vows to Thee.

26The poor shall eat, and shall be filled; those seeking God will give praise to the Lord; all you who seek—may your hearts ever live!

27And all the ends of earth shall turn, remembering the Lord; All fam’lies of the nations will bow down and praise accord.

28For all dominion far and near belongs to Him alone. The Lord rules over nations all, from His almighty throne.

29The rich of earth will worship Him, all who to dust descend; And all shall kneel—none of them can their soul from death defend.

30Descendants, then, will all serve Him—the children yet to be; They will be told about the Lord, future posterity.

31For they shall come, and shall declare His truth and righteousness unto a people yet unborn, for He has done all this.

Announcements

Monday School on Zoom  - 7PM

Youth Group - Sunday 6:30PM

Kids Church - Wednesday 6PM

Offering and Tithes: We are behind in our giving and have only collected $9484 of our $12,000.  Gifts may be given online at kkfmc.org or in the box in the sanctuary.

Scripture Reading- Romans 4:13-25 - For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.  If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") --in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,5 who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel Reading - Mark 8:31-38 -  Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.  He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

After affirming that Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, he reveal that he will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Peter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the idea of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Those who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus will know \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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Prayers Of The People - Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion, hear our prayers.We pray for the whole church, all leaders and ministers, and all the holy people of God.  Wash us through and through,

**And cleanse us from our sin.**

We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, and for all who govern and judge. Purge us from our sin,

**And we shall be pure.**

We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who live under the threat of terror, and those without a place to lay their head. Make them hear of joy and gladness,

**that those who are broken may rejoice.**

We pray for those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely. Give them the joy of your saving help,

**and sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.**

In this season of Lent we pray for those who prepare their hearts and we pray that we all might be given the grace and strength to repent and grow closer to you, O God. Create in us clean hearts, O God,

**and renew a right spirit within us.**

We especially pray for the sick, the suffering and those who serve and care for them in their distress.  Grant them all your comfort, peace and care

**Through the work of your people empowered by your Spirit.**

Lord Jesus, you taught your disciples that you must undergo great suffering and be killed before rising again; grant us the strength and wisdom to be your followers and to take up our cross to follow you, this day and always.

**Amen.**

Communion Service -

The Invitation: you who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, who live in love and peace with your neighbors and who intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God and walking in his holy ways, draw near with faith and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and humbly kneeling make your confession to Almighty God.

**The Lord’s Prayer: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.  Thy kingdom come.  Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.  Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, send the power of your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may experience anew the suffering, death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ.  May your Spirit help us to know, in the breaking of this bread and drinking of this cup, the presence of Christ Who gave His blood for all.  And may your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other and one in service to all the world. Amen.

Closing Song & Benediction-  Better Is One Day

How lovely is Your dwelling place O Lord almighty For my soul longs and even faints for You, For here my heart is satisfied Within Your presence I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Better is one day in Your courts, Better is one day in Your house, Better is one day in Your courts, Than thousands elsewhere (Than thousands elsewhere)

One thing I ask and I would seek To see Your beauty To find You in the place Your glory dwells (REPEAT)

My heart and flesh cry out For You the living God Your Spirit's water to my soul I've tasted and I've seen Come once again to me I will draw near to You I will draw near to You to You

Better is one day better is one day, Better is one day than thousands elsewhere, Better is one day better is one day, Better is one day than thousands elsewhere