

Virtual Worship March 13, 2022 Second Sunday of Lent

Call to Worship:

We treasure this day to worship our God, whose words and ways challenge us at times. God invites us to continue to love our neighbors. We pause in this moment to empty ourselves of worry and stress and be filled with compassion and grace. Let us strive to root ourselves in the presence and power of the Living God. Let us be open to the unexpected and worship today seeking growth, yearning for an end to war, and continuing to follow the path of Jesus. Amen

Hymn #3177 "[Here I Am to Worship](#)" TUMC Praise Team

Unison Prayer

O God, who has knit together in one family all the nations of the earth: remove far from us the evil of war. Pour out upon the leaders of the nations, your Spirit of peace. Restrain the passions of those who plan aggression, strengthen the hands of those who strive for justice and peace. And hasten the time when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn "[How Great Thou Art](#)" TUMC Praise Team

***Praying for others:** You most gracious God, have given us the gifts we know through a smile and a tear, a sigh and a shout, in the beauty of a new day, in heartfelt laughter and in silent weeping. We pray for the world in which we live where there is both abundance and scarcity, grace and upheaval. Give us the blessing of hope as we pray for the world you so dearly love, and now, we lift the particular concerns and life-giving joys that fill our hearts today...*

Gloria Kreher: knee surgery; Connie Roach: pending eye surgery; Jerry Thacker: heart recovery; Gene Rolen: health; Robin Curtin's brother Jerry: health.

(Sharing other Joys and Concerns)

SILENT PRAYER TIME

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.

Hymn "[Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee](#)" Rob Fishel, Vera Alcorn

Children's Time

Scripture Reading: John 3: 1-8

3 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him." ³ Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, they cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can a mortal be born when old? Can a person enter a second time into their mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, they cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' ⁸ The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know whence it comes or whither it goes; so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit."

Reflection: Rev. Amy Overton-Harris

Hymn # 3038 "[Mighty to Save](#)" TUMC Praise Team

Benediction: May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus this day and always.

Sending Hymn : "[On Eagles' Wings](#)" TUMC Praise Team

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