

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Minister: Rev. Dr. Mark Chiang

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

Duty Elder: Harald Magnus **Service Leader:** Connie Madsen

Musicians: Sheryl Cale, Rosemary Brown

Scripture Reader: Marj Brown

*When this symbol appears please stand if you are able

Musical Prelude – Time for Quiet Meditation

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME (Video)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God's covenant continued through Abram and Sarai. God promised that things would change.

All: Even Abram and Sarai's names changed as a sign of God's constant presence with them.

One: The promise that God made is our promise too: When we journey with God, God will make us fruitful and the people of faith will increase.

All: May we embrace the changes that leave power, might and pride behind.

One: May the God of the covenant love us so much that we cannot stay the same.

All: May Christ, who called people to give up everything and follow him, also compel us to follow him.

One: May the Holy Spirit of comfort assure us that in every change, God is faithful.

All: May we hear the call of the God of covenant and change.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

***HYMN # 194:** *Come let us to the Lord*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mystery and mercy, we confess that we prefer simple certainty to seeking deeper understanding.

We settle for what we know, ignoring our doubts and questions. Forgive us when our faith falters because what we think no longer satisfies.

Open our eyes to the truth you hold out to us in Christ, and give us courage to rethink what we have assumed about you and your love for the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TEACHING MOMENT (Video)

***HYMN # 81:** *Unto the hills*

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 121 (pg 571)

SCRIPTURE: John 3: 1-17 (pg 93)

ANTHEM: *The Lord's Prayer*

SERMON (Video) & SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

***HYMN # 400:** *Spirit of the Living God*

WE GIVE TO GOD'S WORK

PRAISE RESPONSE #830: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*PRAYER FOR OURSELVES & OTHERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* **CLOSING HYMN # 665:** *Lord Jesus You shall be my song*

***Commissioning and BENEDICTION** (Video)

***SUNG BENEDICTION:** *Go now in Peace*

Birthday greetings this week go out to Bill Lundie.

Men's Breakfast dates: March 7 and April 4 at 9 AM @ the Rainbow Café.

Rev. Mark will be presiding and serving communion on March 8.

One License: Registration #A-607931(for music & podcast/streaming)

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