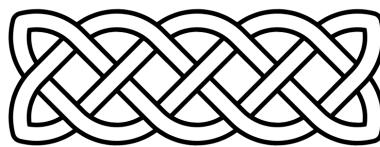




Sunday, March 20, 2011
The Second Sunday in Lent

Prelude		Betty Jane Kelley
Welcome		
Call to Worship: Chorus No. 51	“On Eagle’s Wings”	
Silent Recognition of God’s Presence		
Hymn No. 251	“I Will Be Your God”	
Scripture Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a		
Missional Moment		
Missional Prayer		
Hymn No. 288	“Lord, Your Church on Earth Is Seeking”	
Prayers of the People		
Reading of the Gospel: John 3:1-17		
Testimonies of Thanksgiving		
Offertory	“Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”	arr. Shackley
Dan Gibbs, Piano		
Doxology	“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”	Old 100th
Message: “Real Live Birth”		
Hymn of Response	“New Life for You”	See Hymn Insert
Benediction		
Postlude		Betty Jane Kelley



Genesis 12:1-4a

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Announcements

HIGHLAND'S CHILDREN'S MUSIC PROGRAM--What's a "boomwhacker?" Join us on Wednesdays from 4:00 until 5:00 p.m. downstairs and find out! We have fun --- and are learning how to read, sing and play music!. For ages 5 to 12.

Common Meal, Common Prayer--Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 PM. This is a time of sharing a meal together as well as saying the Common Prayer Evening Prayer together. The meal is homemade and free. Childcare is by reservation. (318-759-0692)

Lenten Lunches on Wednesday, Highland Center Gym, 11:30-12:30. Come for a great meal (\$3.50), music led by Dan, and a short devotional by John or another local pastor. Invite friends and coworkers.

Prayer Bowl--have a prayer request? Drop it into the prayer bowl in the Prayer Room.

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