

**TOWNLEY  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

**LEN+**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

*March 8, 2020*

829 Salem Road - Union, New Jersey

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAY LEADER

## CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

LAY LEADER

The God of Abram leads us forward.

**Lead on, O God . . . guide us home.**

The God of Abram is here to bless us.

**Bless us, O God, that we might be a blessing.**

The God of Abram leads us forward.

**Lead on, O God . . . guide us home.**

## OPENING PRAYER

LAY LEADER

Loving God, you delight in showing us your kingdom—  
a place of blessing,  
a place of light,  
a place of Spirit and truth.

May we be born anew in your Spirit,  
that we might see the glory  
you have in store for us and for the world.

For you sent your Son into our world,  
not to condemn us or put us to shame,  
but that we might have life,  
and have it abundantly. Amen.

**\*HYMN:** #37 “Let All Things Now Living”

ALL

## CALL TO CONFESSION

LAY LEADER

Happy are those whose sin is forgiven,  
who no longer suffer in silence,  
but name their sin and seek God’s grace.

Let us confess our sin.

\*Rise in the Spirit

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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*in unison*)

**ALL**

**Maker of heaven and earth,  
lift our eyes to the hills,  
that we might find our help in times of trial.**

**Like Nicodemus before us,  
we long to lift our gaze from the ground  
and behold your blessed face  
calling us to follow you.**

**Like your disciples of old,  
we yearn to set fear aside  
and to be found faithful  
in the presence of your awesome power.**

**Teach our hearts anew to trust your Spirit  
and the promise of your blessings. Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**LAY LEADER**

Hear the words spoken by God to Abram,  
as if they were spoken to us as followers of Christ:  
“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.”

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**ALL**

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen.**

**\*THE PEACE**

**LAY LEADER**

As Abraham before us, we are blessed by God,  
that we might be a blessing to others.  
Turn to those around you and offer words of blessing and peace.  
May the peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**ANTHEM:** "What Will We Promise... What Will We Give?" by Don Besig

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**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**PASTOR**

**SCRIPTURE:** Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121;  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

**PASTOR**

**SERMON:** “Reset”

**PASTOR**

**\*HYMN:** #165 “The Glory of These Forty Days”

**ALL**

**A TIME OF SHARING – JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**LAY LEADER**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**LAY LEADER**

The one who made heaven and earth is listening.  
The one who keeps your soul is ready to hear your plea.  
The one who saves you from all evil  
    awaits your prayers of thanksgiving and petition.  
Lift up your eyes to the hills,  
    behold the one who is your help,  
    and offer up your prayers to God.

As we pray in the name of the one who taught us to pray...**Our Father...**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**LAY LEADER**

Our God has revealed to us  
    a law and a love that leads us into becoming  
God’s own daughters and sons.  
Therefore, let us gratefully give from that  
    which has first been given to us,  
    our lives, our talents, and our possessions.

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE: HYMN #606**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

LAY LEADER

Gracious God, just as you blessed Abram  
when he ventured out in faith,  
you have blessed us with so much.

Help us see our gifts and offerings,  
not as fruit of our hard work,  
but as blessings we have received from your generous hand.

In grateful response to our many blessings,  
we offer you these offerings,  
that they may bless a world in need. Amen.

**\*HYMN: #767 “Together We Serve”**

ALL

## BENEDICTION

PASTOR

## POSTLUDE

### ***WORSHIPPERS AND GUESTS ARE INVITED:***

*Join us following this worship service for refreshments and fellowship.*

## LENTEN CHALLENGE

We are in the process of collecting a combination of \$500 and/or 500 items of non-perishable foods to contribute to the Connecticut Farms Food Pantry. Consider making a daily or weekly sacrifice during this season of Lent.



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## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

12 Tom Catalano

**A Time for Prayer: Mondays' at 5:00**

**A Note from Our Treasurer: 2/23/2020**  
We received xxx in pledge & plate. *Janet Sangekar*

### **Nursing Home Visitation:**

Join us, **today**, at the Delaire Nursing and Convalescent Center at 2:00 PM for a brief worship service with the shut in. All are welcome. *400 W Stimpson Ave, Linden, NJ*

## LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



### **Operation Warm Heart**

Monday, March 23    Monday, March 30

Volunteer to greet and serve an evening meal from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

Also, looking for volunteers to spent 2 hours (**1 PM to 3 PM on Saturdays: March 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**)

Let Pastor Ron know what dates you are available.

You need not volunteer for all dates.

#### **Note New Location:**

Zion Lutheran Church 215 Elm Avenue, Rahway.

Thank you!

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***Ron Thompson, Pastor***

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