



# Faith Community United Methodist Church

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Sunday, Feb 25, 2018                      2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
10:00 AM    ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

Keith Harmon

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME

Alan Schwartz

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come, let all who would praise and sing of God's wonders be welcome!

**For in the days of old God blessed Abraham for his total life of faith.**

Even this day God still calls to the faithful to follow.

**Then let our hearts be faithful and let our journeys be true.**

And let us always be faithful in all the Lord would have us to do.

**Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

\*OPENING HYMN: UMH #374 "Standing on the Promises" *[Red Hymnal]*

PRAYER FOR FAITH:

**Lord, so often we have heard the good news of the New Covenant yet when it has come time to keep our part we have been unfaithful, Forgive us, Lord, and begin to build in us a new strength that will give a clear witness before the world of Your redeeming power and handiwork. And lead us to new levels of faithfulness, so all will know You are real. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

*[Silent prayers of confession and forgiveness of others]*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**All: Glory to God! AMEN.**

## WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: UMH p. 6                      *[Red Hymnal]*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

NEW TESTAMENT Mark 8:31-38

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God!**

MUSIC OF PRAISE: FWS #2129 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

*[Black Hymnal]*

YOUNG PEOPLE'S BLESSING

Kate Ehrenberger

HYMN OF PREPARATION: FWS #2031 "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"

*[Black Hymnal]*

SERMON

Pastor Ron Dodson

## WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

*We are ever growing in Christ, inviting each one to make a difference.*

PRAISE REPORTS

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

**WE OFFER THANKSGIVING**

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY:

\*DOXOLOGY: UMH #95 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" [*Red Hymnal*]

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

REMINDERS

BLESSING WITH A MISSION

POSTLUDE *Please remain seated until the candles are extinguished and the music is finished, then go to the Fellowship Hall to meet and greet one another.*

**Thought for your journey:** God blesses us with gifts, so that we may bless others.

**Scripture Lessons for March 4, 2018:**

- Exodus 20:1-17
- Psalm 19
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
- John 2:13-22

**Calendar:**

- March 25, 10 a.m. - Palm Sunday Faith & Eastern Joint Service
- March 30, 12n – Good Friday Service: Seven Last Words of Christ
- April 1, 10 a.m. – Easter Sunday Faith & Eastern Joint Service

**Announcements:**

- Help us prevent the spread of colds and flu at **Garrett Heights E-M School!** We will collect hand-wipes, tissues, and hand sanitizer for the classrooms throughout the month of February. Bring your donations to church and we will deliver at the end of the month.
  - The Food Pantry needs donations of new or gently used socks, gloves, hats and scarves to distribute to clients. Men's sizes especially needed.
  - **Journeys of Faith still being accepted!**
    - What's your favorite Bible verse or hymn and why is it so special to you?
    - Have you had a spiritual experience you'd like to share with others?
    - Do you have a poem, a drawing, or a photograph that captures your vision of God's glory?
- See Tui Ganges or send your piece to [tuerenganges@gmail.com](mailto:tuerenganges@gmail.com).

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