



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### Announcements and Greeting

#### Prelude

#### Call to Worship

Leader: Come. Wrap yourselves in the healing love of God.

**People: We come to seek God's presence in our lives.**

Leader: Know that God's patience and care continually surround us.

**People: Even when we fail, God seeks us and calls us home.**

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

**People: We will bless the Lord all the days of our lives!**

#### Invocation

#### Hymn of Praise

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

### Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy God, You have created us, placed us in Your garden of plenty, and nurtured us with goodness and grace.

**People: We confess that we enjoy our place in the vineyard, but we often fail to bear the fruits of love, mercy, compassion, and care.**

Leader: With a mother's tenderness, You long to gather us in Your arms and guide us in ways of truth and life.

**People: We confess that we go places and listen to voices that tempt us to forget Your great love and Your desire for us to love each other.**

Leader: We humbly bow before You, asking for grace and forgiveness.

**People: Help us turn from our selfish ways. Lead us into newness of life, that our actions may be found pleasing in Your sight.**

(a time of silent prayer and reflection)

Leader: God hears our cry for mercy and calls us to new life. Find comfort and strength in God's eternal love. Shout "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" and rejoice in the good news of the Gospel:

**All: Blessed be the name of the Lord, who forgives us and brings us home. Thanks be to God! AMEN**

#### Doxology

#### Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 7:23-26, Romans 5:6-11

#### Morning Prayer

Rev. Gary Ihfe

#### Hymn of Reflection

"Be Still and Know"

#### Gospel Lesson

Luke 13:31-35

#### Sermon

"The Mother Hen"

Rev. Jodie Ihfe

#### Hymn of Commitment

"Reckless Love"

#### Benediction