



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: When the world cries out in distress,

People: we cannot pass by as though nothing is wrong.

Leader: When the world cries out for healing and hope,

**People: we cannot be so focused on ourselves that others mean
nothing to us.**

Leader: When the world cries out for justice and peace,

**People: we will open our hearts and follow Jesus in compassion,
reconciliation, and love.**

Invocation

Hymn of Praise

"Gift of Love"

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Faithful God, Your love for us is deep and vast beyond all measure.

**People: We confess that our love for You is often shallow, selective,
and limited.**

Leader: Our desire for personal gain and worldly goods blocks out our
willingness to love You with our whole hearts.

**People: Our fears, prejudice, and intolerance keep us from
understanding, accepting, and loving those in need we pass
by every day.**

Leader: Forgive us, God of grace.

**People: Help us lead lives that are pleasing to You, growing in faith
and compassion, and showing Your love and mercy to all.**

(a time of silent prayer and reflection)

Leader: God hears our prayers and looks on us with everlasting love.

**People: Let us lead lives worthy of Your inheritance, as we gratefully
remember the good news of the Gospel:**

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and restored. Thanks be to
God! AMEN**

Doxology

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 56:1-8

Morning Prayer

Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Hymn of Reflection

"Jesus, Savior, Friend, and Brother"

Gospel Lesson

Luke 10:25-37

Sermon

"Won't You Be a Neighbor"

Rev. Gary Ihfe

Hymn of Commitment

"God of Justice"

Benediction