

First Sunday of Lent

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Meditation

The hands of the King are the hands of a healer, and so shall the rightful king be known.

J.R.R. Tolkien

The Revelation of God

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Cullen Smith

The two candles are lit to remind us of the oneness of Christ with God and the oneness of Christ with humankind.

WELCOME & INVOCATION The Smith Family
Garland, Ashley, and Amelia Ruth

PRELUDE Danny Underwood
“Precious Lord, Take my Hand” by Allen/Innes

CALL TO WORSHIP Natalie Davis

Leader: Jesus’ hands were kind hands, doing good to all,

All: Washing tired feet, and saving those who fall;

Leader: Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you,

All: Till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for You.

Margaret Cooper

MISSIONS MOMENT John Ponder

*Hymn 576 MY SAVIOR’S LOVE

“I Stand Amazed in the Presence”

1 I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene, and wonder how He could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.

Refrain:

How marvelous! how wonderful! and my song shall ever be; how marvelous! how wonderful! is my Savior’s love for me!

3 He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own; He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone. [Refrain]

CHILDREN’S SERMONRev. Jennifer Jindrich

PASTORAL PRAYERRev. Christopher Simonton

THE LORD’S PRAYER.....Cullen Smith

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Proclamation of the Word

SCRIPTURE Genesis 22:1-14 Natalie Davis

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”² He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.”³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him.⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away.⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship,

and then we will come back to you.”⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together.⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”⁸ Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together.

⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”¹² He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.¹⁴ So Abraham called that place “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING..... Susan Eernisse & Laura Eady
“Like a River Glorious” arr. Burroughs
Flute and Clarinet duet

SERMON.....Rev. Simonton
“Thanks be to God?”