# Upper St. Croix Parish Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls February 28th, 2021 "Second Sunday in Lent"

This bulletin is for a Zoom Service and home service.

## PRELUDE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS PASSING OF THE GREETINGS

"Peace be with You!"

## We Celebrate New Life in Christ

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive
We are invited to walk with God.
We are welcomed by God as people of the covenant.
How awesome to stand in the presence of our Creator!
We bring our praise to glorify God.
God calls us by name and gives us new names.
We are summoned to faithfulness and fruitfulness.
God not only speaks to us but also listens.
God hears our cries and meets our needs.

Let the ends of the earth remember and turn to God. Let families of all nations worship the Creator.

We will pay our vows to the One who calls us. We praise the God of all nations and all peoples. Amen.

## **\*OPENING HYMN** The God of Abraham Praise

UMH 116 (vs. 1 & 2)

## **OPENING PRAYER** Unison

In trust and confidence, we call on your name, almighty God, eager to know you more fully and serve you more faithfully. We have heard your amazing promises given to our ancestors in the faith. We seek your word for us in our day, for we want to grow strong in our faith as our ancestors did in theirs. As they gave you glory and praise, we gather to do the same. As they passed on their faith to new generations, we seek to teach and live in such a way that our children and their children will be drawn to minister in your name. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Proclamation of God's Word**

## \*THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

17 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. 2 And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." 3 Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 4 "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 5 No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham] for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. 7 I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

15 God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 16 I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

> This is the word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

SERMON "God's Blessings Move on through You" Pastor Jenny Lee

(If you are not able to join us for Zoom Live Service, one of your family members may read the written sermon, or you can view the video clip on Facebook, or listen to the Sermon by phone.)

# We Respond to God's Word

#### **RESPONDING PRAYER** Unison

God of all generations, whose revelation in Jesus Christ calls us to self-denial and risk-taking service. We dare to listen for your call, to be the channel of your blessing so that through us your blessings move on to our children, grandchildren and descendants. We take that risk, longing for the day when all the families of the nations shall worship before you. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS PASTORAL PRAYERS/THE LORD'S PRAYER PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS \*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION Unison

Glorious God, we dedicate these gifts as an expression of our faith. You alone know how much we share and how much we withhold. You know the extent of our trust and the depth of our commitment. May this act of giving draw us closer to you and extend a blessing to all who are helped through our sharing. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

## We Go Forth to Love God and Serve One Another

\*CLOSING HYMN

He Leadeth Me; O Blessed Thought UMH 128 (vs. 1 & 2)

**\*BENEDICTION** 

**Pastor Jenny Lee** 

POSTLUDE

# **Upper St. Croix Parish**

ONE Parish THREE Churches: Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls February 28th, 2021 "Second Sunday in Lent"





#### The United Methodist Church

10 am Online Zoom Service

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