

Third Sunday, Year B June 13, 2021
INVITATION AND GATHERING

WELCOME

CENTERING WORDS

Listen, for God is calling.
Follow, and you will never be alone.

***SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 12:1-4**

*** OPENING HYMN: #545..... The Church's One Foundation (vs 1,4,5)**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sisters and brothers, let us speak of what we know!
People: LET US BEAR WITNESS TO WHAT WE HAVE SEEN!
Leader: God loved the world enough to give a Son!
**People: THAT ALL OF GOD'S SONS AND DAUGHTERS
SHOULD HAVE ETERNAL LIFE!**

*** Let us pray (Congregation):**
Almighty God, you loved the world enough to send a son, who loved the world enough to die. Set before us the image of the crucified Christ: that, moved by his compassion, we may find within us the kind of faith that brings health and life, not only to ourselves, but also to our sin-sick world. In his holy name we pray. Amen.

*** LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS:**
#128..... He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought (vs 1-3)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Congregation)**
Good and gracious God, we confess that we often lose sight of the cross, the image of which should inform and inspire every moment of our lives; that we devote ourselves instead to images of worldly status and success; and that we thus seek salvation not in self-giving faith but in self-serving folly. Forgive us, we pray,

and impress upon our imaginations the compelling image of the crucified Christ, which alone can bring the eternal life and perfect peace that you have promised all who believe. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

*** LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS: #474Precious Lord**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (GEN 12:2 NRSV)

Hear the words spoken by God to Abram,
as if they were spoken to us as followers of Christ:
"I will make of you a great nation,
and I will bless you, and make your name great,
so that you will be a blessing."

***SCRIPTURE READING: John 3:1-17**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD MADE FLESH: **"The Inspiring Power of the Cross"**

*** RESPONSE TO THE WORD: #707Hymn of Promise**
CONGREGATION IN PRAYER: Joys and Concerns`

Let us pray: **The Lord's Prayer**

*** PRAYER HYMN: # 2200 O Lord, Hear My Prayer**

*** CLOSING HYMN: #666..... Shalom to You**

*** DISMISSAL BLESSING**

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1st Scripture Reading: Genesis 12:1-4 (NKJV)

¹² Now the LORD had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you.

² I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴ So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

2nd Scripture Reading: John 3:1-17 (NKJV)

³ There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.”

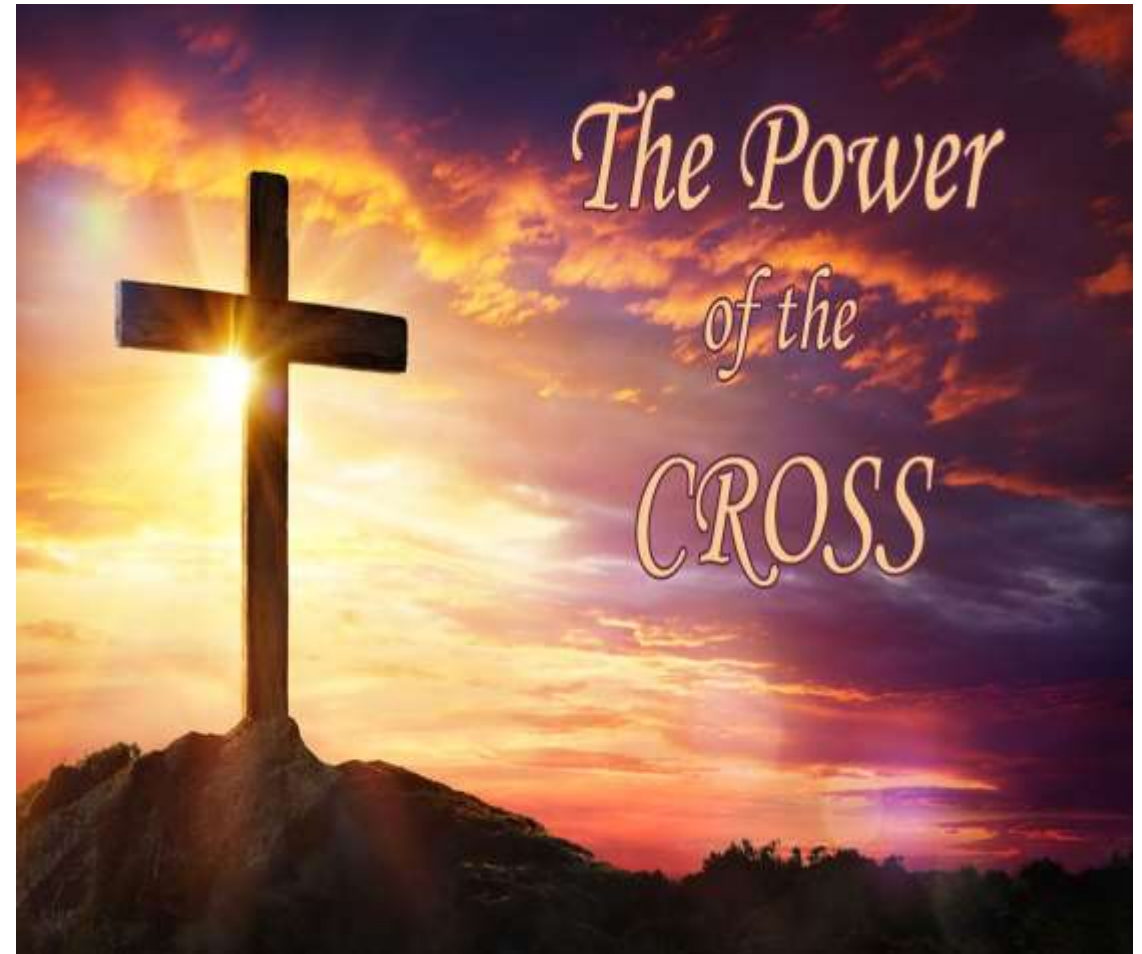
³ Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born ^[a]again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”

⁵ Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹ Nicodemus answered and said to Him, “How can these things be?”

¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? ¹¹ Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man ^[b]who is in heaven. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in Him should ^[c]not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.



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