

*but that the world by Christ's own death
might then be ransomed from the fall.*

REFLECTION

HYMN - *Hope of Abraham and Sarah* (MV 148)

MISSION MESSAGE & OFFERING

MUSIC BEFORE PRAYER (MV 97) (sing 2X)

One: Listen!

All: Listen, God is calling, through the word
inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort
and joy.

words & music: traditional Tanzanian song trans. Howard S. Olson

COMMUNITY PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

**HYMN - *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*
(VU 644)**

SUNG AMEN

**Hope Shines As The Solitary Star
(MV 220) (sing 2X)**

*Hope shines as the solitary star.
Faith is the inner light.
You and I together mirror the light of lights,
and illumine the pathway home.*



words: Catherine Faith MacLean, music: Janet Bauman Tissandier

POSTLUDE

KNOX UNITED CHURCH

March 12th, 2017

Second Sunday in Lent

SINGING THE SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, Come To Us (MV 75) (sing 2X)

*Holy Spirit, come to us,
kindle in us the fire of your love.*

Holy Spirit, come to us.

Holy Spirit, come to us.



words: Taizé community, music: Jacques Berthier 1998
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CALL TO WORSHIP and GATHERING PRAYER

HYMN - *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* (VU 663)

LIGHTING THE TRINITY CANDLES



GREETING GOD'S FAMILY

*(Children and Youth may join Sunday School
in the lower church hall)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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HOLY CONVERSATION

Our hearts yearn for God's realm. Our spirits strive to hold passion for God's justice and peace and endless love. Yet so much of the time, we find it so hard to hold love and justice together in our living.

When we are too concerned with how to be safe, may we discover anew the truth of the Spirit always with us, bringing God's love and care into every moment. When we speak or act in ways that break others' hearts and lives, may we learn anew how to be followers of Jesus' ways - the ways of forgiveness and harmony and openness. When our own comfort too fully sets our choices and decisions, may we hear anew his call to compassion and service for all God's people. When we back away from the difficult tasks of seeking justice, may we uncover with us the courage and commitment to confront the world's evils. When we find ourselves enmeshed in systems of oppression and inequality, may we discover how to dismantle the systems, and bring fullness to lives near and far.

When there is so much that fosters fear, when so much can feel too risky, when we worry so much about loss, may we renew our faith in Jesus' vision

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of God's realm among us, known through peace with justice and love.

Amen.

WORDS FROM OUR SCRIPTURES

Hebrew Scriptures **Genesis 12:1-4a**

God sends Abram

Psalm **121 - sing VU 842)**

Unto the hills do I lift up my eyes

Gospel **John 3:1-17**

Nicodemus, "Can I be born again?"



ANTHEM *For God So Loved the World*

words: **John 3:14-17,**

music: English folk tune, setting by Dale Grotenhuis

*As Moses raised the serpent up,
so must God's Son be lifted high,
that whosoever will believe
in him may live eternally.*

*For God so loved the world he made
he gave his own beloved Son;
all who believe in him will live
not die, but live forevermore.*

*God did not send Christ to the world
that he might then condemn us all,*

