

**Worship Guide for the 1st Sunday in Lent**

**Sunday, February 21, 2021**

Welcome

Announcements



*Hymn: Guide My Feet*

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*Guide my feet while I run this race.  
 Guide my feet while I run this race.  
 Guide my feet while I run this race,  
 For I don't want to run this race in vain!*

*2. Hold my hand... 3. Stand by me... 4. Search my heart... 5. Guide my feet...*

Call to Worship

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**And also with you**

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**God's mercy endures for ever.**

Opening prayer

**New every morning is your love, great God of light,  
 and all day long you are working for good in the world.**

**Stir up in us desire to serve you,  
 to live peacefully with our neighbors,  
 and to devote each day to your Son,  
 our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture lesson: Genesis 17: 1 – 7, 15 - 17 *The Sign of the Covenant*

*17 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; <sup>[a]</sup> walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup> And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." <sup>3</sup> Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup> "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup> No longer shall your name be Abram, <sup>[b]</sup> but your name shall be Abraham; <sup>[c]</sup> for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup> I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup> 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 <sup>[d]</sup> after you. <sup>15</sup> God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup> 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."*

MESSAGE: When we say, "No way!" God says \_\_\_\_\_

SONG BEFORE & AFTER TIME OF PRAYER: *Nothing Can Trouble*

*Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten  
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.*

*Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten  
God alone fills us.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (after each time of silence, we'll finish with the words "Lord in your mercy" and you are invited to respond, "**Hear our prayer.**")

Together let us pray:  
For the people of this congregation....  
For those who suffer and those in trouble....  
For the concerns of this local community....  
For the world, it's peoples, and it's leaders....  
For the Church universal- it's leaders, it's members, and it's mission....  
In communion with the saints...

The Lord's Prayer:

**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.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING

This is an opportunity to share the goodness that has been given to you. Consider sending an offering to Centenary, either online through the website, [www.centenaryfaith.org](http://www.centenaryfaith.org), or by sending a check to PO Box 630, Skowhegan, ME 04976. You are also invited to support an organization or church in our local community that is making a positive difference in people's lives.

*CLOSING HYMN: Glorify Thy Name*

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*Father, we love you, we worship and adore you,  
Glorify thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.  
Jesus, we love you....*

*Spirit, we love you...*

BENEDICTION

\*\*\*\*Next week: We'll celebrate Holy Communion!