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Liturgical Date: Year C, Lent 2, 13th March 2022

Presenter Rev Tom Stuart

Focus Readings Luke 13:31-35

Message 12 minutes 50 seconds

“Embracing our Brokenness”

Discussion Starters

- 1** What prompting did you experience in your heart from the scripture reading and/or Tom’s message today?
- 2** Recount a story of the grace of God shining through remorse and awakening to sin.
- 3** How does, or might, your congregation encourage open acknowledgement of our frailties held within the bounds of God’s grace?
- 4** Consider the ways that “confession” is counter-cultural in the context of our society.

Lectionary readings for the day

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 God makes a covenant with Abram, granting the promise of descendants, land, and protection. God will be Abram’s shield, and God ‘righteousness will endure for Abram’s descendants.

Psalms 27 The psalmist celebrates God’s protection in the presence of enemies and beseeches God’s presence and protection in the midst of ongoing danger.

Philippians: 3-17 - 4:1 Here a choice is set out for the followers of Christ: live as citizens of Christ or continue to worship earthly things. Citizenship in Christ transforms how we seek and find fulfillment in life. Citizens are assured that all things will be subject to Christ.

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All Age Message Laraine Chegwiddden

“You Can Rely On God’s Promises”

Length 5 minutes 15 seconds

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God made many promises and has kept them all. In the story of Abram, a very old man, God promised him lots of descendants that would become a great nation. Yes, he had a son and a great nation grew from that son. The song “Father Abraham, had many sons” is presented.

Resources: Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 27 Pages 264-265.

Rev Tom Stuart

Tom has been a minister at the Charlestown & Garden Suburbs Congregation for 10 years, and enjoys regular walking, physical training, and less regular SCUBA diving in the area. He is committed to spiritual practices, and draws on the books of Cynthia Bourgeault for much inspiration.