

Sunday March 5, 2023
Lent Two: Shaped by New Birth

Prelude

Pianist:

We Gather

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Worship Leader:

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship (*based on Psalm 121*)

Leader: Lift your eyes to the hills—where does your help come from?

**People: Our help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

All: Let us worship our God, who watches over us now and always.

Opening Prayer

Opening Song: *Great is Thy Faithfulness* #419 VT

We Confess

Leader: Lord, we need new birth.

Paralyzed by doubts, dead in our stubbornness and guilt,
walking in blindness, our hearts are hardened to your love.

We confess to the Lord . . .

(silent prayer)

Leader: Jesus, you have come to put the world right,

to give life to the dead,

and to call into existence a people born from above.

All: Break in by your creating Spirit.

Send forth your fresh wind.

And open the way to real life, eternal life. Amen.

We Hear God's Word

Old Testament Scripture: Genesis 12: 1-4a

Song: *Here I am, Lord* #545 VT

New Testament Scripture: John 3: 1-17

Lenten Meditation: ***Shaped By New Life***

Pastor Kara

We Respond

Song of Response: *If you Believe and I Believe* #32 STJ

Offering our Gifts

Congregational Celebrations & Prayers of the People

Pastor Clare

We are Sent

Sending Song: *Hamba nathi (Come, Walk With Us)* #23 VT

(with Jr SS & instruments)

Benediction:

Leader: The Lord watch over you -

People: the Lord bless you and make you a blessing;

Leader: The sun will not harm you by day,

People: nor the moon by night.

All: The Lord will bring you to life and carry you safely home.