

Second Reading: Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: ⁷“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” ¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring — not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations” — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Gospel: John 3:1-17

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This 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.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus 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?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”



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What's Happening

Today:

- Our radio broadcast today is sponsored anonymously. We could use some more sponsors (\$90 per broadcast).
- Stewardship & Mission Committee meets after the service
- The first weekly FLC supper for MCC students will be served tonight at 6 pm. Come join the group for fellowship and brief Bible study. A sign-up sheet for cooks and study leaders is in the narthex.

This Week:

Monday	4:00 pm	Adult Confirmation Class
Wednesday	8:30 am	Quilters
	10:00 am	Coffee
	5:30 pm	Soup Supper/Contest (sign up to bring soup or bread)
	6:00 pm	Lenten Service
	7:15 pm	Men's Fellowship at Otium Brewery
Next Sunday	10:00 am	Worship and Holy Communion with Pastor Blayne Watts
	11:00 am	Irish Dinner with Corned Beef and Irish soda bread provided but cooked cabbage, baby red potatoes and desserts will be needed.

Notes and News

- Easter Lily order forms are in the narthex. Please place your form and payment in the offering plate. We look forward to seeing the lilies on Easter morning!
- Materials for the ceiling remodel have been ordered and we are waiting for the electrician to start work. 225 out of 350 tiles have been sponsored for a total of \$3,364 - THANK YOU. Electrical costs are still unknown.
- Butter Braids and Cookie Dough order forms are in the narthex. Please support these Let Me Shine Preschool fundraisers! (Order Forms are in the narthex, or scan below).



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Last Sunday: Attendance 50 - Giving \$1,790 **Lent Midweek:** Attendance 33