



March 8, 2020 Second Sunday in Lent 10 am

Theme: Waiting in the Dark

Prelude Balm in Gilead (R. Powell) Marcia Snavely, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

Introit Witness (arr. J. Halloran) Federated Choir

* Call to Worship Beth Rutkowski, Worship Leader

One: We are in the presence of God.

All: May we leave behind familiar comforts and habits and walk with God.

One: May we leave behind our limiting thoughts and imagine.

All: New ways of being in this world are possible for each of us.

One: God is our light and our salvation.

All: Lord, we open ourselves to you. Direct our paths and open our hearts and

minds.

One: In this place, in every place, All: for this time, for all time.

One: As our children depart for Sunday School, may we give ourselves into the hands

of God and pass the peace of Christ to each other.

* Passing of Peace

(Children leave for Sunday School)

* **Hymn** Bring Many Names No. 10

Prayer of Confession (unison)

O living God, you dwell in clouds and thick darkness.

We lift our eyes to the night sky

and sense depth and fullness beyond our grasp.

You freed your children from Egyptian bondage

under the security of nightfall.

When you were born, the star came in the night heavens.

A black man carried your cross.

You made your pure sacrifice of love in the midday darkness.

* Those who are able stand

Rain falls from black clouds.
Babies grow in uterine shadows.
Prophets speak in ebony voices.
Treasures of darkness!
Help us receive them as riches from you. Amen.



Scripture

Genesis 12:1-4a

Faith Witness and Prayers of the People

Beth Rutkowski

Blessing and Commissioning of our Servant Leaders

* **Hymn** Joyful Is the Dark

No. 333

Invitation to Offering Our Lives and Resources

Anthem

Inscription of Hope (Z. Randall Stroope)

Federated Choir

* Hymn of Dedication (G.W.D. Shepherd; Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH)

Praise God throughout these forty days, Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise And praise the Spirit who imparts God's love in Christ into our hearts.

* 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

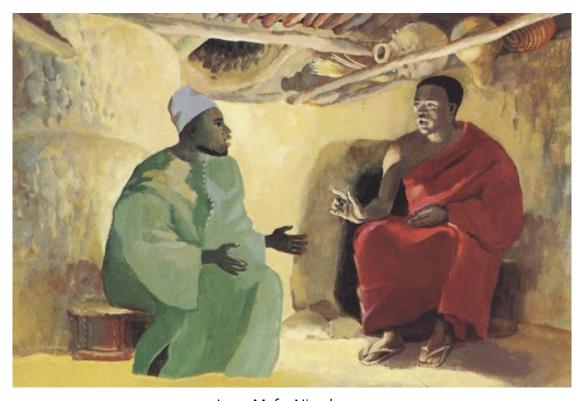
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture John 3:1-17

Sermon Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

- * **Hymn** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise No. 66
- * Benediction
- * **Postlude** Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (D. Hustad) Marcia Snavely, organ (Children get picked up from Sunday School on second floor)



Jesus Mafa: Nicodemus



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