

First Congregational Church
March 16, 2014
Second Sunday of Lent

Those who are able may stand where marked ().*

Gathering #430 “There Shall Be Showers of Blessing” *vs. 1, 2*

Welcome and Announcements *Lars Nielson*

Opening Prayer

Prelude and Ministry of the Acolyte *Jo Beth Dudley*
It’s a Gift to be Simple” *Arranged by Smith*

Responsive Reading *Genesis 12:1-3*

One: God said to Abram, “Pack up now and go.

**All: “It’s time to leave your old life,
time to leave familiar things behind,
time to pull up stakes and go
to a new land I will show you.**

One: “Out of you, I’m going to make a great, life-giving nation.

**All: “I will bless you; I will make you strong
and you will be a blessing.**

One: “Those who bless you I will bless;
and those who curse you I will curse;
and in you, every family, every tribe, yes, every soul
who lives and breathes upon the spinning earth,
in you,” God said, “all people shall be blessed.”

**All: God, as we worship you today,
we pray that you will restore in us
the power and the will to be
a blessing to all your children,
in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

Hymn #586 “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

Anthem “God So Loved the World” *Stainer*

Children’s Time

Moments of Concern and Celebration
(Please fill out a blue card in the pew)
Pastoral Prayer and Savior’s Prayer (trespasses)

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Music
*Doxology (#815) and Offertory Prayer

*Hymn #3 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

Scripture: John 3:1-17

Sermon: “For Every Soul Who Dares to Trust in Him”

*Hymn #572 “Blessed Assurance”

*Benediction

*Response #430 “There Shall Be Showers of Blessing” *vs. 3, 4*

Postlude and Ministry of the Acolyte