

February 21, 2021

1st Sunday of Lent

Scripture: Psalm 51

The United Methodist Social Affirmation

We believe in God, creator of the world

and of all people; and in Jesus Christ

incarnate among us, who died and rose again;

and in the Holy Spirit,

present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

We believe; God, help our unbelief.

We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom:

in the upholding of human dignity and community;

in every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation;

in each act of self-giving on behalf of others;

in the abundance of God's gifts

entrusted to us that all may have enough;

in all responsible use of the earth's resources.

Glory be to God on high; and on earth, peace.

We confess our sin, individual and collective.

by silence or action:

through the violation of human dignity

based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith;

through the exploitation of people

because of greed and indifference;

through the misuse of power in personal,

communal, national, and international life;

through the search for security

by those military and economic forces

that threaten human existence;

through the abuse of technology

which endangers the earth and all life upon it.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

We commit ourselves individually and as a community

to the way of Christ:

to take up the cross;

to seek abundant life for all humanity;

to struggle for peace with justice and freedom;

to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love,

praying that God's kingdom may come.

Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

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Reflection:

Who do you feel led to pray for today?
