Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ An Open and Affirming/Creation Justice Congregation The Order of Worship Second Sunday in Lent February 28, 2021 Livestream—11:00am

Gathering Music Deep River arr. Moses Hogan

The Blended Trio: Shawn Allison, song leader & saxophone; Abbey Allison, piano; Dave Dust, guitar

Welcome Pastor Deb Kunkel

Opening Prayer

All: God of the Past, God of the Present, God of the Yet Unknown, we come before you grateful that you are with us every step of the way throughout our lives, even at the point of death. Even beyond. Grant us the courage to be present to those who go before us. Grant us the faith to move through our own endings with grace. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Song of the Heart On Eagles Wings

Children's Moment

Special Music Farthest Shore David Wilcox

The Blended Trio

Scripture Readings Psalm 22:23-31

Mark 8:31-38

Sermon Facing Death Pastor John H. Danner

Pastoral Prayer

Our Lord's Prayer

Parting Music There Will be Peace in the Valley Thomas A. Dorsey, arr. Brent Edstrom

The Blended Trio

Benediction

Sentence Sermons ...

"The reality is that you will grieve forever. You will not 'get over' loss, you will learn to live with it."

--Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

"The fear of death follows from the fear of life." -- Mark Twain

"Some people are so afraid to die that they never begin to live." --Horace Mann

"I shall not die of a cold. I will die of having lived." --Willa Cather

UPCOMING

Confirmation Class meets today at noon.

Join us for our **Tuesday Morning Bible** Study at 10:00 AM. We are exploring the Gospel of Luke and will be focusing this week on Chapter 13. We will meet by Zoom; links will be sent out by email.

Join us for the second session of our three-part **Theological Study**, "Acting Against Racism" this Wednesday, March 3, at 9:30am on Zoom. Pastor Danner will lead this course using lecture, videos, and small group discussions on Zoom. To receive articles to be used for this class please email Pastor Danner at john@sanibelucc.org.

Carol Good's Art Group meets Tuesdays at 1:00 PM, outdoors under the offices.

Grethe's Gentle Yoga in the labyrinth this Thursday at 10:00am. Space is currently limited to 6-8.

Our **Drive Thru Food Drive**, co-sponsored with Temple Bat Yam will be held this Thursday, March 4, between 11:00am and 1:00 PM