



A Weekly Worship Preview  
March 8, 2020  
The Second Sunday in Lent

## Worship Series Theme: **Encounters with the Holy**

During the six weeks of Lent we will explore how different people encountered Jesus and consider how their experiences can transform us.

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This Sunday:

**“Encountering Jesus in the Dark”**

[John 3:1-17](#) (click to read)

As you prepare for worship, consider these questions:

*What hard questions are you wrestling with?*

*Where do you go with your doubts?*

*Are you willing to not have all the answers?*

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Special Music:

- The Sanctuary Choir sings [“Arise, My Soul, Arise”](#), arranged by Dan Forrest.  
Writer Charles Wesley showed his profound knowledge of scripture by using no less than THIRTY Biblical references in this hymn!
- Samantha Lester, violin, will accompany the anthem and play with Joan Hill for the offertory.
- Listen to [“Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord,”](#) our theme song for this series.

Ryan, Leigh, Sim and Winn Weldon will present  
the “Together, We Connect” testimony.

**Lent** is a season of preparation leading up to Easter. It is the forty days plus the six Sundays before Easter. For centuries, it has been observed as a special time of self-examination and penitence. Throughout Lent, the worship services of the church take on a simpler tone, appropriate to the season. The word “Alleluia” is not used in the words of the readings or hymns.

This practice, and others, help us to mark this season of renewal as a special time in the church year. This season can be a meaningful time of reconciliation with God.