

Lisbon United Methodist Church
Lenten Candle Extinguishing Liturgy

Second Sunday of Lent, March 1 **Born Again**

One of our Scripture readings today shares the familiar story of Jesus' encounter with a Jewish leader named Nicodemus. In the midst of their conversation about what it means to be born again, Jesus speaks some of the most well-known of all Scripture words, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son...."

As we seek to understand, as Nicodemus did, what it truly means to be born of the Spirit, we are reminded that God loves us – no matter what. That is proof of God's grace given to us every moment. God invites us as to live in right relationship to God each day, knowing that, when we seek to live as God's beloved and redeemed people, we find new life in Christ our Savior.

We extinguish this second candle of the Lenten season as a way to set aside what it is that might prevent us from being born again and keep us close to the cross of Jesus.

Extinguish one of the Lenten candles

Sing Verse Two of *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

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