

*Your Friendly
Community Church*



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*Fourth Sunday
in Lent*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Bill Rose

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

People: We are learning to follow Jesus.

Leader: On this Lenten journey, where do we find God's presence among us?

People: One thing we know: God calls us to witness extraordinary love in ordinary moments.

Leader: On this Lenten journey, how does God's presence work among us?

People: One thing we know: God uses the messy and mundane to heal and restore us to one another.

Leader: On this Lenten journey, what does God's presence do in our midst?

People: One thing we know: God opens us to recognize presence, sustenance, and abundance where the world perceives isolation and lack.

Leader: Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

People: We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.

*HYMN UMH #454

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Source of Light, God of great mercy and love, we come to you this day seeking restoration of our sight. Clear away our blindness, and give us a new vision of all that we can accomplish in your name. Give us strength and confidence to truly witness to your abiding love and faithfulness. For we offer this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Diane Horn

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, by the presence of your Holy Spirit, bless this proclamation of your Word that we may receive the gift of your grace and share it with those who we will meet on this Lenten

journey. Speak to us, Lord. Your servants are listening. Amen.

*GOSPEL LESSON

NT #96

John 9:1-34

SERMON

Rev. Meegian Gossard

“In the Presence”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*PSALTER READING

UMH #754

Psalm 23

PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Children’s Choir

“Say to the Lord I Love You”

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

UMH #349

“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”

*BENEDICTION

*AMEN RESPONSE

“Let the Church Say Amen”

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome you to our worship service this morning. If you are visiting, please complete a visitor’s card located in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

If you would like to order a lily to place in the sanctuary for Easter morning in honor of or in memory of a family member or friend, please complete the order form and place in the offering plate. The deadline for ordering is Thursday, March 23.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 21

6:30 Leadership Team – Parlor

Wednesday, March 22

10:30 Pastor's Bible Study – Crossroads Classroom

5:45 Choir Practice – Choir Room

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

You are welcomed to attend one of our Sunday School classes:

Crossroads SS Class meets via Zoom at 9am
Contact L.W. Smith for Zoom invite.

Pathfinder SS Class meets at 9:45 am in the parlor in the Education Building.

Children's SS Class meets at 9:45 am in the nursery in the Education building.

HEARING DEVICES

If you would like to use a hearing assistance device, please see an usher for assistance.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please write your prayer requests in the book found on the podium located at the back of the sanctuary before the service begins. Pastor Meegian will lift them up for prayer during worship.

2023 FINANCES

2023 Budget = \$229,008.00

Need to Receive Weekly = \$4,404.00

Received for General Budget on 03/12/23 = \$3,422.00

Received Year-To-Date (2023) = \$32,637.00

We are excited to have you in our worship service today. We love that the walls of our building do not limit the impact of our ministry and have a wonderful community joining us today virtually. As such, we would like to remind all in attendance that your presence in our worship service indicates your approval that you and all minors you represent being recorded for our digital usage. This includes, but is not limited to, your image, name, and involvements in today's services.