

*Your Friendly
Community Church*



March 3, 2024

*Third Sunday
in Lent*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judi Rose

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom.

People: Disclose to us your foolishness, Lord, that we might become wise.

Leader: The weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

People: Reveal to us your weakness, Lord, that we might become strong.

All: Let us worship the Lord who, on Calvary, turned foolishness into wisdom, weakness into strength, and a cross of torture into a tree of life.

***HYMN**

UMH #131

"We Gather Together"

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

UMH#750

Psalm 19

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jane Massey

We invite any children to participate.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Lady Imperio

"Amazing Grace"

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

O God, the light of our life and the hope of the world, we come before you with clouded minds and restless hearts. We cannot make peace with ourselves until we make peace with you. Let your transforming light reveal the person in whose image you made us. Help us to worship you as you are, and serve you as we ought. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

***GOSPEL LESSON**

NT #102

John 2: 13-22

SERMON

Rev. Laurie Brandes

"Defining Moments"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

Lady Imperio

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

UMH #12

WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

UMH #139

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*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.

Pastor Laurie will be on vacation March 6-10. For pastoral care emergencies, please call Rev. Julie at Bethel UMC (803)319-61690.

Lilies represent "rebirth and hope" just as the resurrection does in our Christian faith. 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 it in the offering plate. The deadline for ordering is March 10.

The Children's Ministry is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 24 from 2-4. Please drop off candy donations in the Narthex or to the church office by March 17.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, March 4

6:00 UWF- CLC

6:30 UMM- CLC

Tuesday, March 5

Leadership- Parlor

Wednesday, March 6

5:30 Choir Practice – Choir Room

Saturday, March 9

9:00-1:00 VITA Tax Service- CLC

Sunday, March 10

Daylight Savings Time Begins

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. Your prayers will be lifted up.

2024 FINANCES

2024 Budget = \$220,951.00

Need to Receive Weekly = \$4,249.00

Received for General Budget on 02/25/24 = \$2377.00

Received Year-To-Date (2024) = \$16,072.00

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.