

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

*HYMN *Lord, Speak to Me* UMH #463

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (sung)

Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;
With thee began, with thee shall end the day.
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon thy name. Amen.

POSTLUDE *God Gave to Us This Glorious Day* D. Buxtehude
(You are encouraged to stay and enjoy the Postlude.)



The flowers at the front of the chancel are given by Rev. Woodrow in memory of her mother, Leah Helen Ross, on her birthday.



The next scheduled Sunday for baptisms and the reception of new members is Sunday, April 8, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

If you are interested in baptism or membership, please contact Rev. Woodrow.

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
March 11, 2018 10:00 a.m.

** Those Who Are Able, Please Stand*
The People's Responses Are in **Bold Print**
UMH=United Methodist Hymnal PB=Pew Bible

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

GATHERING AND MEDITATION

During Lent, as you enter and take your seat, please use this time to quietly center yourself and prepare your heart for worship.

PRELUDE *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Noel Rawsthorne
(As the Prelude begins, please observe silence.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendship Books *Please record your attendance and pass the book to those next to you.*
First time visitors – Please complete the yellow card & place it in the offering plate later in the service.

*HYMN *Sweet Hour of Prayer* UMH #496

*CALL TO WORSHIP

If it had not been God who was on our side,
the troubles of our world would have swallowed us whole.
If it had not been God who was on our side,
the sorrows of our times would have swept us away.
Are any among us suffering?
Come and pray.
Are any among us cheerful?
Come sing songs of praise.
Are any among us sick?
Come and ask for healing.
Our help is in our God,
the One who made heaven and earth.
Call upon God, our Creator and Rescuer.
God is on our side.

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we live our lives as best we can—
dealing with difficult relationships and situations,
putting failures and disappointments behind us,
and moving into each new day with as much energy, goodwill,
and optimism as we can muster.
But here, right now, we seldom have the right answers,
we seldom seek your higher wisdom in our lives, we just move ahead.
Forgive us for not asking for your insight.
Fill us with your wisdom, that we may live lives of goodness and peace. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God turns our sorrow into gladness and our times of mourning into celebration.
God hears the prayer of faith.
Be confident as we pray for one another, for God heals us and forgives us.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST *(A time of welcome; please warmly greet your neighbors.)*

May the peace of Christ be with you always!
And also with you!

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Pastor Kathryn

Children in preschool through Grade 5 may go to Sunday school afterwards.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD AND FAITHFULLY RESPOND

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let us pray.
**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit that,
as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you have to say to us today. Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON

James 5:13-16

NT p. 231

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

What Wondrous Love Is This

arr. Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir

Trad. American Folk Hymn

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 2:1-5, 12

NT p. 36

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Finding Your Power: Listening for Healing”

Rev. Woodrow

AN EXPERIENCE OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER

JOYS, CONCERNS, and PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a prayer request that you would like to have listed in the bulletin or given to the Prayer Chain, please complete one of the white cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

UMH #895

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Just as I Am

Bob Chilcott

Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY FOR LENT

Tune: Old 100th

**Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts,
God’s love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Everlasting God, you are kind and trustworthy.
Every day you graciously provide what we need from your abundance.
We are grateful that you bring healing and hope for our lives as individuals
and as a faith community.
Accept these monetary gifts and offerings to strengthen our church’s outreach
to our neighbors.
May more people come to know you and your love through our ministries.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.**