



Order of Worship - March 6, 2022

We are glad you are worshiping with us today! As a part of our commitment to care for the vulnerable among us, we are asking everyone to continue to wear a mask (during hymns, too).

Prelude

Dana Scott

Welcome

Choral Call to Worship

***Opening Prayer**

Worship Leader: Susan Howley

**Merciful and Loving God, make yourself known to us.
As the days lengthen and flowers begin to grow,
May this be a season of stretching and growing into our faith.
Help us tend what is before us, cultivate contentment with what is,
and to pay attention to the ways our ordinary lives are already holy.
May we find meaning and love wherever we are,
and create in us hearts that are open to transformation.
In the name of the Jesus, who spent time in the wilderness
and knows all our struggles, Amen.**

***Hymn**

At the Name of Jesus

UMH #168

***Prayer for Illumination**

Gracious God, You are our way in the wilderness. May your Word guide us through these forty days of Lent so that we may reformed, restored, and renewed. Amen

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:1-13

NT p.61

For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us.
Thanks be to God.

***Hymn**

Be Still, My Soul vv.1&2

UMH # 534

Sermon

Ordinary Lives Can Be Holy

Pastor Michelle

Special Music

Sing Praise to God
Aldersgate Choir

arr. Patrick Liebergen

Invitation to Holy Communion UMH #12

The Great Thanksgiving TFWS 2257 a-d

Lord's Prayer UMH #895

Holy Communion *All are welcome to come forward to receive the sacrament.*

Offering

Financial offerings can be placed in the basket by the baptismal font before or after service, mailed to the church office, made online at www.uumcp.org/electronic-giving, or by texting an amount you want to give to: 301-364-9236

***Doxology**

(sung to the tune of Old 100th, UMH #95)

**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.**

Choral Call to Prayer / Prayers of the People

Opportunities to Serve

*Closing Hymn

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

TFWS #2112

*Benediction

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leadership Board Members of our UUMC Leadership Board are working hard, guiding UUMC into service and ministry to our church family and community. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. and follow an agenda, which is set one week prior to the meeting. All are invited to attend! If you would like to have the Zoom link for our March 14th, meeting, please contact the church office.

Sermon Series for Lent Life is both incredibly hard and incredibly beautiful, and we can hold onto both at the same time. A deeper, more authentic faith begins with telling the truth to ourselves and finding the space between despair and hope, as we look for beauty and meaning and love in the midst of lives that didn't turn out how we thought that they would. The themes for this series are below. To extend your Lenten journey beyond Sunday worship, we recommend reading the book *Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection* by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie, along with us!

March 6 - Ordinary Lives Can Be Holy

March 13 - So Much Is out of Our Control

March 20 - Lots of Things Can Be Medicine

March 27 - We Often Believe We Are the Problem

April 3 - We Are Fragile

April 10 - The Aldersgate Choir presents "Oh Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Prayer Stations for Lent You are invited into a time of personal prayer and meditation as you engage with prayer stations - created to enrich your Lenten journey. You may come on March 23 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. and April 6 from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. Different stations will be offered each time.

UUMC Bell Ringers for Easter Would you like to be part of the bell ringers on Easter Sunday this year - April 17? If you are able to attend the rehearsals after worship each Sunday, then you are welcome to join us. Our rehearsals begin today!

Make a Difference Across the United States, anti-trans legislation is threatening God's beloved children by seeking to remove healthcare access, full inclusion in schools, use of public facilities, and more. As Reconciling United Methodists - people of faith committed to the affirmation and inclusion of God's LGBTQ children - we have a spiritual obligation to speak out. To learn more about writing and calling your Congress people, check out the Reconciling Ministries' website:

<https://rmnetwork.org/2021/04/26/write-call-against-anti-trans-legislation/>

For Your Calendar

March 6 Disciples' Path Class 9:15 a.m.

Celebration of Communion

Bell Ringers rehearsal following worship

March 13 Children's Sunday School during church

Bell Ringers rehearsal after worship

March 14 Leadership Board meeting on Zoom 6:30 p.m.

Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship, in-person in the Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. Fellowship

Wednesday Zoom Prayer Call, 12:00 p.m.

Thursday Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.

Send Prayer Requests: office@uumcp.org

For more info and other events, visit www.uumcp.org or follow us on Facebook!

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