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Bulletin

Our Mission:

“Building relationships of Justice, Faith and Hospitality to bring God’s love to all people.”

March 8, 2020

2nd Sunday in Lent

9:00 am

Thought for the day

“Thus, men will lie on their backs, talking about the fall of man, and never make an effort to get up.”

-Henry David Thoreau

***Gathering Songs**

“Shout to the Lord”

“We Walk by Faith”

***Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

***Invocation**

Merciful God, we embrace this season of Lent as we prepare again to walk with Jesus to the cross. Speak to us, we pray, the solemn truth of Christ's passion. Remind us that there is no life without death, no communion without separation, no glory without suffering. Give us courage and faith to receive these difficult truths and to align our hearts and lives with them. May we choose to lose our lives so that we may gain them; to endure the pain of separation that we might enjoy the fellowship of all your saints; to enter Christ's suffering by entering the suffering of your children on earth that we may one day share in your eternal glory. For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.

***Song of Joy**

“You Are My All in All”

Time with Young People

Following this, the children are escorted to a time of activity and learning. Please pick them up in their classrooms following the service.

Song Before Prayer

“In Christ Alone”

Community Prayer

Dakota Koenig

Suffering God, you told us to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Jesus. We’re still not sure we want to go that far. We had hoped that becoming followers in this day and age would be a more rational business; we had hoped to fit our religion in the spare corners of our lives. It wasn’t supposed to be an inconvenience. Yet you continue to call us, and we squirm uncomfortably. Teach us to respond gratefully to your invitation. Teach us to sacrifice — not only for others, but for you. And take what we can give right now, transforming it into an offering of our deepest selves. In your Son’s name we pray. Amen.



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Silent Prayer

Pastoral 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.

Special Music

"Time In A Bottle" (Jim Croce)

Praise Band

Scripture

Mark 8:31-38 in the New Testament

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

People: Praise be to God.

Message

"In Plain Sight: Cross"

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Ministry Offering and Tithe

***Song of Blessing**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

***Offertory Prayer**

Generous God, our guide on the journey: as we continue in worship by offering our gifts in response to your goodness, we can't imagine where we would be without you guiding our path – sometimes before us; sometimes beside us; sometimes behind us, nudging us in the direction of the work you have for us. As you have watched over and cared for your creation, so we acknowledge in our giving that you are calling us to do the same. We surrender our treasure, knowing our hearts will follow. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***Song of Sending**

"Go Ye, Go Ye Into the World"

***Benediction**

Please remain in your pew while Pastor(s) recess to the greeting door.

***Postlude**

Praise Band

**Please stand if you are able.*

Please keep the aisles clear for safety and fire code enforcement. Wheelchair seating is available; please speak to an usher. Thank you.

Please allow time for the pastors to recess at the end of worship during the postlude. Thank you.

