

Guest Information: We are glad that you are here today in worship with us. We have information cards located at the check-in station in the church entry. Please take a moment and fill out as much information as you fill comfortable. We will take this information and add it to our database. If you would like to receive our weekly newsletter please check the box and we will add you to our distribution list.

Our Young Disciples Zone, at the back of the sanctuary, is open for families with young children and children's bulletins are available on the bookshelf. A nursery is available for children 0-5 years old. It is located down the main hallway and the second hallway to the right in the Bear classroom.

Bathrooms are located at the back of the sanctuary through the double doors. Family restrooms with changing tables are available in the main hallway.

Hearing Aid Loop: Our sanctuary has a Hearing Loop System which allows anyone with a T setting or T-coil to "tune in" to the frequency for a better-quality audio experience. There are also other sets available for those who do not have hearing aids that adapt.



Today's full service may be watched on lafumc.churchcenter.com, our website and Facebook. Recordings of the full service and just the message are posted on our YouTube channel on Monday

Calendar this Week

- Mar. 17:** 9 a.m. Bible History Class Hybrid on Zoom/In-person in Friendship Center
10 a.m. Traditional Worship
11:30 a.m. Inquirer's Class Hybrid on Zoom/In-person in Friendship Center
4 p.m. Program Night
5:30 p.m. Dinner in Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Youth group in Youth room
- Mar. 18:** 1:30 p.m. Clubhouse Knitters, Ridge Park Clubhouse, 505 Oppenheimer Dr.
- Mar. 19:** 1:15 p.m. Cup of Friendship
6 p.m. Ark Board meeting
- Mar. 20:** 3 p.m. Sr. High Bible Study in Youth room
5 p.m. Odyssey of the Minds Team in Friendship Center
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal in Sanctuary
7 p.m. STAR NA support group in Library
7 p.m. Troop 2 in Fellowship Hall
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal in Sanctuary
- Mar. 21:** 6 p.m. Ecumenical Lenten Series at The United Church, 2525 Canyon Road
6 p.m. First Light rehearsal in Sanctuary.
7 p.m. Troop 122 in Fellowship Hall
- Mar. 24:** 9 a.m. Bible History Class Hybrid on Zoom/In-person in Friendship Center
10 a.m. Contemporary Worship – Palm/Passion Sunday
11:30 a.m. Inquirer's Class on Zoom
NO Program Night Activities



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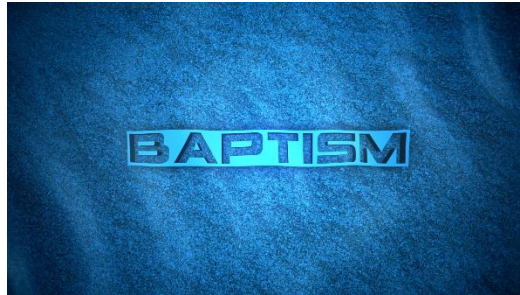
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March 17, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Lent
10 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

WE PREPARE

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

Gathering Music

Welcome

Centering Prayer

Response: UMH #484 *Kyrie Elision*

*** Prayer of Confession**

Leader: Together let us pray:

Redeeming God,

**we confess that we have not loved you
with our whole heart,
and have not loved our neighbors as we ought;
we have strayed from your commandments.**

**Do not remember our sins,
but forgive our iniquities,
that we may fix our eyes on you and sin no more,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Words of Assurance and Pardon

Leader: By the faith of Christ who humbled himself even to the point of death on Christ, and poured out God's love for all of creation as an act of love, we have been forgiven and freed. May we delight in the joy of our salvation.

People: Thanks be to God for this good news!

***Opening Hymn:** UMH #157 *Jesus Shall Reign*

***Affirmation of Faith: Lenten Creed**

**We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God,
who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.**

**We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God,
and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.**

**We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God
who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.**

**We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures,
and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.**

**We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination,
and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.**

**We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road,
and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.**

**This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ.
Amen.**

***Musical Response:** UMH #70 *Glory Be to the Father*

WE HEAR

Prayer for Illumination

**In the waters of baptism we are made a new creation
and given the power of your Spirit.**

**May that same Spirit work in our lives
as we hear your word
and know your grace and mercy. Amen.**

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-17

Hymn of Preparation: UMH #606 *Come Let Us Use the Grace Divine*

Message: "Will you remain faithful members..."

WE RESPOND

***Hymn of Response:** UMH #558 *We Are The Church*, v. 1-4

Work of the Church

Prayer

Leader: Lord have mercy.

People: Christ have mercy.

Offering

Special Music: *Closer to You*



***Doxology:** UMH #90 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Communion**

***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
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.



***Giving Bread and Cup**

Prayer after Communion

***Disciples Hymn:** UMH #571 *Go Make of All Disciples*

***Blessing and Sending Forth**

Postlude

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