

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

10:00 AM: WORSHIP SERVICE & GOD'S BIG HOUSE (PRE-K - 5TH GRADE)

11:10 AM: ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (CONFERENCE ROOM)

To parents of young children: Relax! God put the wiggles in children; don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles in God's house. Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to engage. Explain parts of the service and actions of the pastor, musicians, and leaders. Sing the songs, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn behavior by mimicking you. If you have to leave the Sanctuary with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. You and your child are a blessing to the church and this congregation. After the Children's Moments, children are welcomed and encouraged to stay and be part of the service or if you choose they can attend God's Big House (Ages: K-5th Grade upstairs with Mr. Andrew and our volunteers) or the Nursery (Ages: New-born to Pre-K on the main level with Ms. Sarah and our volunteers). As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

*Congregation is invited to stand, if able.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SONGS OF PRAISE: YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH
BUILD MY LIFE

*CALL TO WORSHIP LED WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDS

L: Lenten travelers, when you feel the security of God's love, affirmation of God's call, and covered in God's grace...

P: God comes near.

L: When you feel deserted and alone, starving and parched for a caring hand or an encouraging word, troubled and uncertain as the ground under you shifts like sand...

P: God comes near.

L: When you feel emboldened to act, inspired to speak, energized to live as bearers of the good news that the Kingdom of God is here...

P: God comes near.

L: In all seasons of our lives, God comes near to us and does not forsake us.

P: We gather to come near to God whose ever present love remains near no matter where our journey takes us. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON) LED BY WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDS

Lord and Shepherd of our journeys in the desert, we come to you during this Lenten season as servants of Jesus Christ. We remember how you liberated Moses and the Israelites; we remember also how you liberated the prophet Elijah in his journey to escape from a corrupt king. Now, in our Lenten journey, we implore your direction, your patience, and your spiritual support. As you sent your angels to care for the Israelites, to the prophet Elijah in his journey, and to Jesus during his forty days in the desert, send them also to us in our earthly journeys. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM

CROSSROADS UMC CHOIR

A TIME FOR CHILDREN WITH SHARON RILEY

This, this is where children belong.
Welcomed as part of our worship and song.
Hearing God's Word, sharing love all along.
This is where children belong.

*A SONG OF PREPARATION: GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS UMH 144

SCRIPTURE: GENESIS 9:8-17 (NRSV)

This Is the Word of God. Do you believe It?

MESSAGE DEPTHS OF LOVE: LOVE HAS COME NEAR

REV. DUSTIN MCCUNE

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

UMH 881

A TIME OF PRAYER

A TIME OF GIVING

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*A SONG OF INVITATION: NEAR TO THE HEART OF GOD UMH 472

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTIONAL SONG: THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace. Amen.

*BENEDICTIONAL PRAYER

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to our hosts/hostesses for Coffee in the Conference Room.

February 18 Emma Walters, Myra Davis, Sue Sites

February 25 Sue Dostal, Josh Taylor, Sandy Blank

IF anyone would like to volunteer, please contact the church office.

Sunday School: immediately after the 10:00 service in the conference room. Join Debbie Wallin as she leads a new video on the book of Joshua by Louie Giglio.

Wednesday Dinner Main Dish:

February 21 BBQ. Slaw, buns compliments of Debbie & Wally

February 28 Navy Bean soup compliments of Ana

March 6 Fried Chicken compliments of Pastor Dustin and Carrie

Lenten Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, February 20 at Noon and on Wednesday evening, February 21 at 6:30 pm. The cost of the book is \$10.00.

Confirmation Classes begin today.

Prayers and Squares will meet on February 16 at 10:00 am

Pecans: We only have the regular pecans left to sell. They are great for baking and snacking. See Mike Ballard to get yours today.

Loose Change Ministry: The Wednesday Night Kids are collecting loose change to raise money for their projects which this year includes the animal shelter. One of the kids will be at the door after service to receive your change. Thank you for your support.

Common Grounds— Thursday, February 22 . Volunteers are needed

Scout Sunday-February 25

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