



Sunday, March 7, 2021

Third Sunday of Lent

Communion Sunday



Please have food and drink with you so you can fully participate in communion.

Prelude *“Largo” from Xerxes* G.F. Handel
Rebecca Peterson, cello; Velda Graham Bell, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Call to Worship Sue and Todd Kurth

One: On this third Sunday in the season of Lent, we gather to reflect on God’s wondrous love.

All: God’s love sacrifices to save and free our souls.

One: What wondrous love is this!

All: God’s love brings us joy even in the midst of despair, hope when it seems hope is gone.

One: What wondrous love is this!

All: May we, too, be people of wondrous love, offering safety, freedom, joy and hope to others!

Hymn *What Wondrous Love is This* UM Hymnal #292, v. 1, 2, 4
led by Emma Rustan

*1. What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this,
O my soul!*

*What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul.*

*2. What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this,
O my soul!
What wondrous love is this,*

*that caused the Lord of life
to lay aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown
for my soul.*

*4. And when from death I’m free,
I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,
and when from death I’m free,
I’ll sing on;
and when from death I’m free,
I’ll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity
I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,
and through eternity
I’ll sing on.*

Morning Prayer Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Prayers of Concern and Celebration

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Children's Message

Jojo Coffin-Langdon

Anthem *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. Gary and Jean Swanson
Gary and Jean Swanson, vocals and guitar

Scripture Reading Barb and Karl Lindgren

1 Corinthians 3:5-9

After all, what is Apollos? What is Paul? They are servants who helped you to believe. Each one had a role given to them by the Lord: I planted, Apollos watered, but God made it grow. Because of this, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but the only one who is anything is God, who makes it grow. The one who plants and the one who waters work together, but each one will receive their own reward for their own labor. We are God's coworkers, and you are God's field, God's building.

Matthew 22:36-40

"Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the Law?"
He replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is this: You must love your neighbor as you love yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands."

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes Kelby Werner

Sermon *Love: The Cost and Impact* Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Hymn *In the Midst of New Dimensions* The Faith We Sing #2238, v. 1, 4, 5
led by Michael Goodlet and Velda Graham Bell

1. In the midst of new dimensions,
in the face of changing ways,
who will lead the pilgrim peoples
wandering in their separate ways?
God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar,
we your people, ours the journey,
now and ever, now and ever,
now and evermore.

4. We are man and we are woman,
all persuasions, old and young,
each a gift in your creation,
each a love song to be sung.
God of rainbow, fiery pillar,

leading where the eagles soar,
we your people, ours the journey,
now and ever, now and ever,
now and evermore.

5. Should the threats of dire predictions
cause us to withdraw in pain,
may your blazing phoenix spirit
resurrect the church again.
God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar,
we your people, ours the journey,
now and ever, now and ever,
now and evermore.

Holy Communion Pastor Jeanine Alexander and Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

Anthem *Abide* Gary and Jean Swanson
Gary and Jean Swanson, vocals and guitar

Benediction Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Postlude *Voluntary III* G.F. Handel
Velda Graham Bell, organ



March is Food Share Month.

First UMC: Bins for food donations will be outside the front doors from 9-3, Monday through Friday.

Envelopes with checks may be left in the bins or mailed to the church.

Hillside UMC: Bins will be available outside the doors any time. Donations of money may be mailed to the church.

Thank you for helping to feed our neighbors!



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



Next Sunday is the beginning of Daylight Savings Time. Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour!

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