



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, March 27, 2022
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Prelude *Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord* Paul Boloche
Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Call to Worship Claudia Fezzey

One: We gather for worship to waken our hearts and minds,
All: **that we might be able to know and name God's presence of love.**
One: Within our daily world, in every human face,
All: **may we find the presence of God and see the gift of love.**
One: May love be a presence sensed and shown at work, at home, or in the street.
All: **Help us, God, to name and live your love!**

* Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* United Methodist Hymnal #384

Children's Message Jojo Coffin-Langdon, director of Family Ministries
Children may leave for Sunday School following the Children's Message.

Scripture Reading Claudia Fezzey

Luke 9:23-25

Then Jesus said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?"

Philippians 2:5-11

One: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

All: **And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.**

One: Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

All: **and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God.**

Anthem *Amazing Grace (Our Chains Are Gone)* arr. Chris Tomlin and Louis Giglio
Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

Sermon *Changing Our Mind #3: Letting Go* Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Anthem *Lenten Prayer* David Ashley White
Sanctuary Choir; Michael Goodlet-Meijer, director

Morning Prayer Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of all goodness and grace, you call us to live like Christ, doing nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regarding others as precious and worthy. You ask us to look not only to our own interests, but also to the interests of others. There are times we do this well, and there are times when we are selfish, when we don't treat others as your beloved children, and when we put ourselves first, not even seeing the needs of others. Forgive us, we pray. Give us a new mindset, the mindset of Christ who served others and gave himself in love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

In the name of Christ, we are forgiven, freed and loved! May God grant us the mindset of Christ and may we love and serve others in Christ's name. Amen.

Prayers of Concern & Celebration

Jesus' Prayer—from the NEW ZEALAND PRAYER BOOK

Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all. Loving God, in whom is heaven. The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

Offering

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Anthem

Vasylyna's Tears

Dan Edwards

Cast in Bronze; Bill Alexander, director

Vasylyna's Tears was written in honor of the Ukrainian people, who continue to struggle for their freedom.

Vasylyna is a common Ukrainian woman's name – she weeps for her lost countrymen.

Prayer for Ukraine

Cast in Bronze members

* Hymn

This Is My Song

United Methodist Hymnal #437

Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude

Ukrainian National Anthem

Mykhailo Verbytsky

Velda Graham Bell, organ

* *Please stand as you are comfortable.*

Announcements

Please fill out the Connect Cards each week. Keeping attendance and making sure the church has your current contact information is an important part of church records. **On the back of the card** is a list of ministry opportunities, places where your help can make a difference! These will change often, so check them each week and please sign up where you can.

Guests: Welcome to First United Methodist Church. We are so glad you are worshipping with us today! Please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Narthex; we have a packet and small gift for first-time visitors.

Feeding others in body as we are fed in spirit. Every communion Sunday (typically the first Sunday of the month) we are asking you to bring a donation of food (or monetary donation) for the CHUM Food Shelf. That way when we come to the communion table to be fed spiritually, we are also feeding others who are physically hungry. The Food Shelf cart will be

available for donations. If you make a financial donation please note "Food Shelf: in the check memo or envelope and make checks out to FUMC. Thank you for loving our neighbors in need

***Faith Forum** will meet on Sunday, April 3, at 9:00am in the East Lounge. Geoff Bell will present "How do we know when we have enough?"*

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