



Faith Community United Methodist Church

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Sunday, March 4, 2018 3rd Sunday in Lent
10:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

Keith Harmon

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME

Wanda Mitchell

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come, let all who know the Lord's sustaining love worship together!
The Lord is our provider. It is God who has sustained us always.
Even for Moses and the children of Israel, God led them out of Egypt.
And in the wilderness, it was the Lord who provided food and water.
Fear not then, children of the Lord, for you serve the same loving God.
Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN: UMH #404 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

PRAYER FOR FAITH:

O God, so often we have read of the loving way You sustained Moses and the children of Israel during the Exodus, yet somehow, we lack the faith to step out as You would lead us for fear our needs may not be met. Forgive us, Lord, and give us the courage to take those first steps of faith that we might know Your love and sustaining power. In Christ we pray. Amen.

[Silent prayers of confession and forgiveness of others]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God! AMEN.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: UMH p. 6 *[Red Hymnal]*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 20:1-17

*Gospel Lesson: John 2:13-22

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God!

YOUNG PEOPLE'S BLESSING

HYMN OF PREPARATION: FWS #2036 "Give Thanks" *[Black Hymnal]*

HOMILY

Pastor Ron Dodson

We are ever growing in Christ, inviting each one to make a difference.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

COMMUNION HYMN: UMH #614 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" *[Red Hymnal]*

THE LORD'S TABLE UMH pp. 12-15 *[Red Hymnal]*

WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

PRAISE REPORTS

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE OFFER THANKSGIVING

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY:

*DOXOLOGY: UMH #95 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" *[Red Hymnal]*

WE DEPART TO SERVE

REMINDERS

BLESSING WITH A MISSION

POSTLUDE *Please remain seated until the candles are extinguished and the music is finished, then go to the Fellowship Hall to meet and greet one another.*

Thought for your journey: Although we cannot see the future, God can guide our path. [See Psalm 48:14]

Scripture Lessons for March 11, 2018:

- Numbers 21:4-9
- Psalm 107:1-22
- Ephesians 2:1-10
- John 3:14-21

Calendar:

- March 11 – UMCOR Sunday; Church Council Meeting, 12n in the Great Room
- March 25, 10 a.m. – Palm Sunday Faith & Eastern Joint Service
- March 30, 12n – Good Friday Service: Seven Last Words of Christ
- April 1, 10 a.m. – Easter Sunday Faith & Eastern Joint Service

Easter Flower order forms are available in the sacristy. All orders are due by Sunday March 18. See Judy Slide if you have any questions.

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