



# Faith Community United Methodist Church

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Sunday, March 11, 2018                      4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
10:00 AM    ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

Keith Harmon

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME

John Grace

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Let us enter the house of the Lord all who are the Children of Light!  
**For once we lived only in darkness. But in Christ we now see the Light.**  
Then let us walk with the Lord in all the ways of each day  
**And let us share with all nations the Gospel of the risen Christ.**  
For in Christ we have salvation so let our voices be lifted in praise.  
**Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

\*OPENING HYMN: UMH #381 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”                      *[Red Hymnal]*

PRAYER FOR FAITH:

**O God, You have called us to walk among the nations in the maturity and ways of Christ. Lead us each day through Your Holy Spirit, in all the ways You would have us share Your love. 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: Number 21:4-9

NEW TESTAMENT Ephesians 2:1-10

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

MUSIC OF PRAISE: “I Am His Child” *Moses Hogan*

Faith Ensemble

YOUNG PEOPLE'S BLESSING IN SONG

Donna Dodson

HYMN OF PREPARATION: UMH #378 “Amazing Grace” vs. 1, 2, 3, 6

*[Red Hymnal]*

SERMON

Pastor Ron Dodson

## WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

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

## PRAISE REPORTS

## PRAYER CONCERNS:

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## **WE OFFER THANKSGIVING**

### WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND GIFTS

This Sunday, we have a tremendous opportunity to make a global difference when we celebrate UMCOR Sunday. Mission 21 is one example of how United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is helping on the ground.

Boko Haram, a militant Islamic group, continues to wreak havoc in Nigeria. Two million people have been forced to flee their homes to seek safety, shelter and food. In 2017, UMCOR worked in partnership with Mission 21, formerly known as the Basel Mission, to offer support to communities that have survived Boko Haram's attacks.

Through a \$100,000 grant, UMCOR and Mission 21 are working together to provide more than 600 men, women and children with lifesaving nutrition and essential nonfood assistance.

Mission 21 empowers survivors through sustainable development, so they can work within their own communities to support one another. The partnership gives them the tools to rebuild what has been destroyed. We support efforts like this when we give to UMCOR Sunday. We change the lives of people all over the world with our generosity.

## OFFERTORY

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

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

## 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.*

### **Scripture Lessons for March 18, 2018:**

- Jeremiah 31:31-34
- Psalm 51:1-12
- Hebrews 5:5-10
- John 12:20-33

Keep in your prayers:

- Lou Collins is at Future Care at 2700 N Charles Street, room 605-1 on the sixth floor.
- Goerge Loncar has a new phone number: 410-882-9096

### Calendar

- Today – Faith Ensemble rehearsal at 11:45 in the chapel.
- 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.*

Keep In Touch:

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