



Faith Community United Methodist Church

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Sunday, March 24, 2019 3rd Sunday In Lent

10:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

Keith Harmon

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME

Donna Dodson

CALL TO WORSHIP:

O God, you are my God; how mighty and glorious you are.

Your constant love is better than life itself, and so I will praise you.

I will give you thanks as long as I live.

I will raise my hands to you in prayer, and I will sing glad songs of praise to you. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: UMH #127 "Guide Me, O thou Great Jehovah"

[Red Hymnal]

PRAYER FOR FAITH:

O Lord, our God, we hunger and thirst after righteousness. We spend our time and money following the ways of the world, but we have no satisfaction. We come to you, merciful God, seeking that which only you can give, knowing that you can provide the sustenance that will give us true life. We come to you now, our father, because you are merciful and quick to forgive, asking for our blessing. 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: Isaiah 55:1-9

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

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

People: Thanks be to God!

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE: UMH #361 "Rock of Ages" *[Red Hymnal]*

YOUNG PEOPLE'S BLESSING:

Kate Ehrenberger

FWS #2233 "Where Children Belong"

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: UMH#381 "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us" *[Red Hymnal]*

HOMILY:

Pastor Ron Dodson

WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

PRAISE REPORTS

PRAYER CONCERNS: *"Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in his wonderful face. And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace."*

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE OFFER THANKSGIVING

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY: *Heavenly Father, we know that no gift of ours would be adequate to compensate for your many blessings and the great love you have shown us through your Son, Jesus Christ. "Love so amazing, so divine demands our lives, our souls, our all." Accept these gifts, we pray, as tokens of the commitment of our lives to you. Amen.*

*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: Once I come to know the love of Christ, I can show it to others.

Scripture Lessons for March 31, 2019:

- Joshua 5:9-12
- Psalm 32
- 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
- Luke 15:1-32

Announcements:

- Today, Council/Trustee Meeting 12n in the Great Room
- Sunday March 31, Joint Service with Eastern UMC, **10:30 a.m.**

Resurrection East Cluster Lenten Services, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

3/27 - Waverly UMC 644 E. 33rd St.

4/3 – Faith Community UMC

4/10 – St. Matthew New Life UMC 416 E. 23rd St.

Good Friday The Seven Last Words of Christ

April 19, 12noon

Christ UMC 2005 E. Chase St.

