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Sunday, March 19, 2023 4th Sunday in Lent
UMCOR SUNDAY
10:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

Keith Harmon

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME

Judy Slide

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come from our exile to meet the God who sets us free.

What does it mean to be free? How can we make the choices freedom offers?

Come from lives of unfaithfulness to meet the God whose care is unceasing.

What does faithfulness require of us? How can we, unworthy ones, accept God's care?

ALL: Let us come from the shadows where we have hidden to rejoice in the God who brings light and hope.

*OPENING HYMN: FWS #2112 "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

PRAYER FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS: God of our yesterdays, our todays, and our tomorrows: we are too prone to live for the moment—letting our health, emotions, and passions rule our lives. You offer us the Spirit to bring these things into wholeness under your control. But we resist and often are overtaken by events or situations. We sink into despair and prefer to remain silent, rather than cry out to you. Forgive our self-pity and pride that closes you out of our hearts. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who would be Lord, if we let him. Amen.

[All pray in silence, confessing and seeking forgiveness]

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON:

Hear the Good news! In the Lord is love unending, and great is his power to set us free. Friends, believe the Good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Glory to God! Amen.

WE RECEIVE THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: UMH p. 6

PSALTER: Psalm 23 UMH p.754 [Sung Response 1]

*GOSPEL LESSON: John 9:1-41

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.

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: FWS #2086 "Open Our Eyes Lord"

SERMON:

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

Today's special offering is called "One Great Hour of Sharing." UMCOR, United Methodist Commission on Disaster Relief, helps victims of disaster here in the US and around the world.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY: UMH #95

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE DEPART TO SERVE

REMINDERS

BLESSING WITH A MISSION

CLOSING HYMN: FWS #2214 "Lead Me, Guide Me" [refrain only]

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and power to help me over my weakest hour. Lead me through the darkness thy face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
Refrain: Lead me, guide me along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray. Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
2. Help me tread in the paths of righteousness. Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress. I am putting all my trust in Thee: Lead me, O Lord lead me. *Refrain*

Thought for Your Journey: *Paul wrote to Timothy, "You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 2:1*

Who can you encourage in the walk of faith today?

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Scripture Lessons for Sunday, March 26, 2023:

- Ezekiel 37:1-14
- Psalm 130
- Romans 8:6-11
- John 11:1-45

Easter flower orders are due today. See Judy if you have any questions.



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