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Bulletin

February 19, 2017

Africa University Sunday

10:30 am

SILENT MEDITATION

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” –Nelson Mandela

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“This is My Father's World” (Benke)

-Carol Graham

WELCOMING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Rev. Frank Hallock

INTROIT

“Walls that Divide”

-Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear the word of God: “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

We choose holiness and reject futile thinking.

We look today at life and turn our eyes from the vanities of this world.

We want to be holy, for the Lord is holy.

We affirm that we belong to Christ.

We crave his wisdom and his ways.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“Take Time to be Holy”

-UMH 395

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 in the Old Testament*

-Bill Rockwell

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

People: **Praise be to God.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

COMMUNITY PRAYER

You, gracious God, are love itself. We have heard that perfect love casts out fear. So we wonder, why are we still afraid? Come to us in merciful patience, heavenly Parent. We pray that your love might transform us. Change our heart from fear to trust. Change us from angry people to people of grace. Change us from people focused on the money we don't have, to the resources that are all around us. Change our hearts and make us like you, O God. We pray this for ourselves and for our neighbors, knowing that you love them also! Come to us, Lord, overwhelming us with your love that we might love as you have first loved us. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Thy Word is a Lamp”

-UMH 601



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SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

-UMH 895

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Hiding Place" (Lawton)

-Chancel Choir,

Madelyn Knight (Flute), Jimmy Patton (Guitar)

SCRIPTURE LESSON *2 Timothy 1:3-7 in the New Testament*

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THE MESSAGE

"Courage in Christ" - James Salley, Africa University

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

"Old Tyme Medley" (Arr. Graham)

-Carol Graham

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

We bring these offerings to you, O Lord, not because you need them, but because you are holy. Through these resources we ask that he who is without a cloak be clothed, and she who is hungry be fed. We bring these offerings before you and ask that they be used to fulfill your holy purposes. Amen.

GOING FORTH

*HYMN OF DEDICATION *"How Firm a Foundation"*

-UMH 529

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Foundation" (Manz)

-Carol Graham

**Please stand if you are able.*

*Please complete the registration card found in the pew pocket and place in the offering.
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Note: Video Tech: Bob Graham; Sound Tech: John Mitchell; Acolyte: Stella

*Flowers are given by Kathy and Eric Johnson in celebration
of their 23rd wedding anniversary on February 12.*