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Bulletin

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2nd Sunday in Lent

10:30 am

SILENT MEDITATION

“We have lived our lives by the assumption that what was good for us would be good for the world. We have been wrong. We must change our lives so that it will be possible to live by the contrary assumption, that what is good for the world will be good for us. And that requires that we make the effort to know the world and learn what is good for it.” —Wendell Berry

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Arioso” (Bach)

-Carol Graham

WELCOMING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw
Rev. Frank Hallock

INTROIT

“We Cannot Measure...”

-Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In reverence, in wonder, in hope, we gather.

With unsettled questions in our hearts,

With the mystery of God enshrouding us,

Acknowledging that we who were lost are now found and loved,

Let us worship God.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“What Wondrous Love is This”

-UMH 292

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Psalm 121 in the Old Testament*

-Merry Nickerson

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION “Blessed Assurance”

-UMH 369

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Disturb us, O Lord, when we are too well-pleased with ourselves, when our dreams have come true because we dreamed too little, because we sailed too close to the shore. Disturb us, O Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess, we have lost our thirst for the water of life, when, having fallen in love with time, we have ceased to dream of eternity and in our efforts to build a new earth, we have allowed our vision of Heaven to grow dim. Stir us, O Lord to dare more boldly, to venture into wider seas where storms show Thy Mastery, where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars. In the name of the One who pushed back horizons of our hopes and invited the brave to follow...Amen!



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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

“Deep, Deep Love” (Frombach & Dengler)

-Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON *John 3:1-17 in the New Testament*

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.**

THE MESSAGE

“Feasting in Love”

-Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

“Prelude” (Debussy)

-Carol Graham

*Doxology

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

In gratitude for the work of Jesus Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit, we gladly offer ourselves and our gifts to you, O Lord. We pray that you will transform these gifts into signs of welcome for all who are touched by their use. And, transform us into people who bless others throughout each day. Amen.

GOING FORTH

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

“Lift High the Cross”

-UMH 159

FASTING AND FEASTING

-See insert

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Chaconne” (Couperin)

-Carol Graham

**Please stand if you are able.*

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