

Order of Worship
Worship is the way we Love God

10:55 a.m. **March 5, 2017**

When the music begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation. Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!

(*) denotes congregation standing

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

WELCOME and Announcements Sheila Gilmore, Lay Leader

Let us Prepare our Hearts and Minds for Worship!

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Helen Alexander

PRELUDE *Voluntary (God Shall Bless Us)* Wagner

*CALL TO WORSHIP Choir

*OPENING PRAYER Rev. Mike Sykes

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 269 UM Hymnal
Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Psalm 32 UM Hymnal No. 766 **Sing the Response**

ANTHEM *Find In Me* Hinnant

Gospel Reading Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON *The Place of Temptation* Rev. Sykes

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN No. 377 *It Is Well with My Soul* UM Hymnal

JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Pat Sykes

THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Fill My Cup Lord* Blanchard

*DOXOLOGY No. 95 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

THANKSGIVING

HYMN of PREPARATION No. 49 *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Have mercy on us, God of love, and forgive us for the power we give to temptation in our lives. Help us to become as vulnerable as Jesus, for in that vulnerability, we find the humility to trust you in all things; in that trust, we discover the grace which sets us free from the grasp of the shrewd one; in that freedom, we can leave our badlands

behind, in order to follow Jesus in this life, and into the next. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF GOING FORTH TO SERVE No. 396 UM Hymnal
O Jesus, I Have Promised

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

*POSTLUDE GOING FORTH
A Festive Trumpet Tune Wagner

***Please stand as you are able**

Welcome to worship. Though we're in the midst of Lent, Sundays don't count as days of that season because they're always celebrations of the resurrection. Thanks be to God!

Prayers

Please see Prayers Insert

The apostles became leaders in the call to prayer. And Paul summarized this when he said, "Prayer without ceasing".
(1Thessalonians 5:17 KJV) Talking With God by Mack B.

Presence

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday School	80
Worship	152
Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper	50
Ash Wednesday Service	55

Gifts

Operating Budget for 2017	\$493,245.35
Operating Budget Needed to Date	\$ 85,369.32
Given to Date	\$ 78,313.38
Percentage Given	91.73%
Amount needed each week to meet 2017 budget	\$ 9,485.48
Budget offering last week	\$ 10,175.00
Pennies for Zoe (Total to Date Collected)	\$ 10,845.00
Zoe pennies collected in January	\$ 57.00

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Service for March

Ushers	Benson Crotts Team
Heat/AC	Randy Leak; Tommy Leak
Crucifer	Jadyn Johnson
Acolytes	Trent Deane; Allie Matheson
TV Ministry	Duff Morse
Nursery	Tori Brayboy
Greeters	Thomas and Daphne Smith Dianne Stafford
RCO Soup Kitchen Leader	Deborah Thomas
Hedge Prayer	Discovery Young Adult Class
Hermitage Volunteer	East Rockingham UMC
Sunday Morning Fellowship	Jeff Hughes
Next Sunday	Glenn Alexander



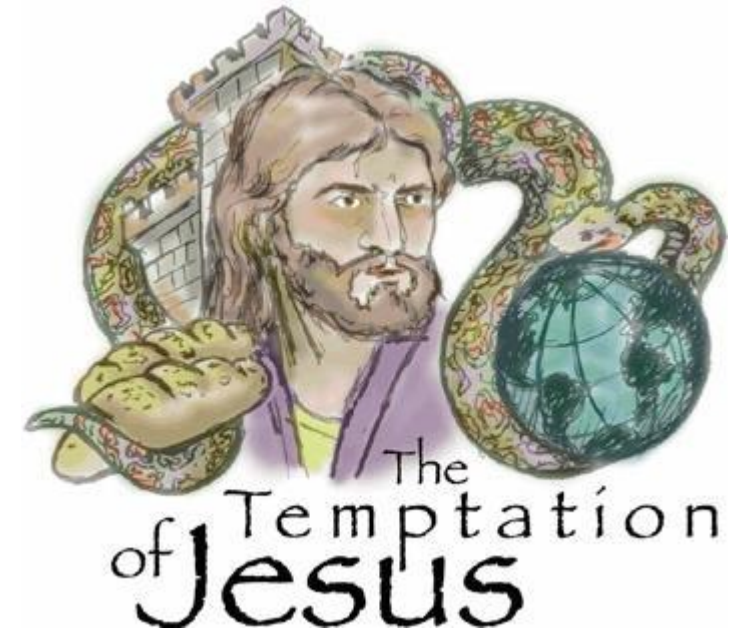
Stephen Ministry

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble

Psalm 46:1

The flowers on the altar today are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Buddy Way by his family.

No Children's Time or Children's Church TODAY so that everyone may participate in Holy Communion.



First Sunday in Lent

First United Methodist Church

Love God Love Others Love the World



10:55 am

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