

Order of Worship
Worship is the way we Love God

10:55 a.m. **March 12, 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 *Highland Cathedral* Callahan

*CALL TO WORSHIP Choir

*OPENING PRAYER Rev. Mike Sykes

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 98 UM Hymnal

To God be the Glory

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.

CHILDREN'S TIME Mary Griffith

(Children 4-10 years old are invited to Children's Church in Room 410.)

*CANTICLE OF FAITHFULNESS No. 125 UM Hymnal
Sing the Response

ANTHEM *God So Loved the World* Stainer

Gospel Reading John 3:1-17

SERMON ***Convicted?*** Rev. Pat Sykes

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 357 *Just As I Am* UM Hymnal

JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In humility and fear we come, asking the questions of our souls. We come in vulnerability, seeking the answers we should know. We come acknowledging who we are...failure and all...

A moment of silence for personal confession

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
Rev. Mike Sykes

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

OFFERTORY *The Prayer* Sager/Foster/Holstein

*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

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF GOING FORTH TO SERVE No. 292 UM Hymnal
What Wondrous Love Is This

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

GOING FORTH

*POSTLUDE *Rondo Giocoso* Wagner

***Please stand as you are able**

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Wonder of wonders

The world is filled with wonders, writes Nathaniel Olson. Consider chemistry: Salt is formed by two poisonous substances (sodium and chlorine). The alnico magnet, the world's strongest, contains three nonmagnetic substances (aluminum, nickel and cobalt). And water consists of oxygen (which is flammable) and hydrogen (which burns easily); yet water puts out fires!

That pales in comparison to the wonder of salvation through Jesus. Every day, Olson writes, Jesus transforms filthy, hopeless sinners into new, forgiven creations. "On the skid rows of our cities, in wealthy and poor homes, in jungles ... whenever any soul wants Christ, the wonder of the new birth is taking place."

Our God is the true Wonder of wonders. "None can compare" (Psalm 40:5).

“O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!” (Psalm 95:1, NRSV).
Welcome to worship!

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	68
Worship	180
Eat, Pray, Learn Meal	35

Gifts

Operating Budget for 2017	\$493,245.35
Operating Budget Needed to Date	\$ 94,854.80
Given to Date	\$ 90,153.88
Percentage Given	95.04%
Amount needed each week to meet 2017 budget	\$ 9,485.48
Budget offering last week	\$ 11,840.50
Pennies for Zoe (Total to Date Collected)	\$ 10,905.00
Zoe pennies collected in February	\$ 60.00

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Service for March

Ushers	Benson Crofts Team
Heat/AC	Randy Leak; Tommy Leak
Crucifer	Josh Griffith
Acolytes	Kalei Grant & Olivia Meacham
TV Ministry	Duff Morse
Nursery	Nicole Johnson
Greeters	Jason Deane Cole Deane
RCO Soup Kitchen Leader	Deborah Thomas
Hedge Prayer	The Bible Class
Hermitage Volunteer	
Sunday Morning Fellowship	Glenn Alexander
Next Sunday	UMM



Stephen Ministry

Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. *Colossians 4:6*

The flowers on the altar today are presented to the Glory of God by Joe and Debra Parsons in honor of their families.

S E C O N D

Sunday in Lent



First United Methodist Church

Love God Love Others Love the World



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