

Order of Worship
Worship is the way we Love God

10:55 a.m. April 2, 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 *Come to Jesus* Handbells

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Sing a New Song to the Lord* Choir

*OPENING PRAYER Rev. Mike Sykes

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 383 *This is a Day of New Beginnings*
UM Hymnal

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (Unison) Rev. Pat Sykes
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.

From the Psalter No. 848 Psalm 130 Rev. Pat Sykes
Sing Response UM Hymnal

ANTHEM *Search Me, O God* Causey

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14

SERMON ***Can These Bones Live?*** Rev. Mike Sykes

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN No. 420 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* UM Hymnal

JOYS AND CONCERNS Rev. Pat Sykes

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

OFFERTORY *Agnus Dei* Handbells

*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 Rev. Mike Sykes

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Sykes

We are set free by your saving grace, Generous God, yet we must confess how we are still bound by our pride and arrogance. We seem unable to throw off the grave clothes of our habitual sin, finding them too comfortable to wear. We cling to our fears, for they are so familiar and make such good companions.

Yet, there in every corner of our lives, in every shadow we fear, into the cold embrace of death itself, you come,

Steadfast Love. You break the bonds of sin and terror, giving us new strength and hope for the journey, and calling us to new life through the love and sacrifice of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

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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. 303 UM Hymnal
The Day of Resurrection

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Rev. Sykes

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Go Ye, Go Ye into the World*

*CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

*POSTLUDE GOING FORTH
Psalm of Glory Wells

***Please stand as you are able**

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Jesus, you promised your followers power and ability to be your witnesses. By your Spirit, help us who worship here bear witness to you with our words and lives.

Presence

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday School	73
Worship	174
Eat, Pray, Learn Meal	28
UMW Potato Bar	120

Gifts

Operating Budget for 2017	\$493,245.35
Operating Budget Needed to Date	\$ 123,311.24
Given to Date	\$ 115,273.88
Percentage Given	93.48%
Amount needed each week to meet 2017 budget	\$ 9,485.48
Budget offering last week	\$ 10,806.00
Pennies for Zoe (Total to Date Collected)	\$ 11,097.00
Zoe pennies collected in February	\$ 192.00

Church Staff

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Ponder this:

The Church is not so much a continuously living thing, as something that has survived a thousand crucifixions through a thousand Resurrections.

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



Stephen Ministry

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7

Service for April 2

Ushers	Steve Webb Team
Heat/AC	Tim Capel and Steve Webb
Crucifer	Stephanie Barrett
Acolytes	Meredith Gerald and Lilly Matheson
TV Ministry	Randall Mace
Nursery	Kim Adams
Greeters	Jim Haines and Debra Parsons
RCO Soup Kitchen Leader	Hilton and Glenda Haines
Hedge Prayer	Discovery Young Adult Class
Hermitage Volunteer	East Rockingham UMC
Sunday Morning Fellowship	John Thomas
Next Sunday	Jeff Hughes

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

The flowers on the altar today are presented to the Glory of God by May MacCallum in loving memory of her parents Carl and Dora May Burch.

The flowers on the organ today are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Helen Alexander on her birthday by the Ledbetter Men's Class and in honor of Statha Osborne on her birthday by the Chancel Choir.

FIFTH

Sunday in Lent



First United Methodist Church

Love God Love Others Love the World

10:55 am



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