

Order of Worship
Worship is the way we Love God

10:55 a.m. March 19, 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 *Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices* Manz

*CALL TO WORSHIP Choir

*OPENING PRAYER Rev. Mike Sykes

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 127 U.M. Hymnal
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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. 814 U.M. Hymnal Psalm 95 **Sing Response #1**

ANTHEM *Spotless Lamb* Anna Laura Page

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 17:1-7

SERMON ***Is the Lord Among Us or Not?*** Rev. Mike Sykes

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN No. 723 *Shall We Gather At the River* Stanzas 1 & 2

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Landry Reece Moseley
(See insert)

HYMN No. 723 *Shall We Gather At the River* Stanzas 3 & 4

JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Pat Sykes
Patient and ever-faithful God, we come to you this morning confessing that we can be a grumpy and unsatisfied people. When things are not perfect in our eyes, we murmur and complain, and grumble and doubt. We lose hope in the people around us and, even worse, we lose hope in you. We challenge instead of accept. We put you to the test rather than trust your caring love. Forgive our doubts and complaining. Forgive our loss of hope. Let your healing, life-giving waters pour over us. Restore our souls. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

OFFERTORY *Find Us Faithful* Mohr
Vocal Duet: Statha Osborne and Chuck Wright

*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

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF GOING FORTH TO SERVE No. 361 U.M. Hymnal
Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Rev. Sykes

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

*POSTLUDE GOING FORTH
Praise (Allegro Spirito) Martin

***Please stand as you are able**

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Ponder this.....

Back in the Old West, two men rode a train across the western plains.
One man said, "If this place just had a little more water and some better people, it would be a great place to live."
His friend replied, "A little more water and some better people. That's all Hell needs."

We worship in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Grace and peace be with you all as we come before God.

Presence

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday School	28
Worship	74
Eat, Pray, Learn Meal	32

Gifts

Operating Budget for 2017	\$493,245.35
Operating Budget Needed to Date	\$ 104,340.28
Given to Date	\$ 95,548.88
Percentage Given	91.57%
Amount needed each week to meet 2017 budget	\$ 9,485.48
Budget offering last week	\$ 5,395.00
Pennies for Zoe (Total to Date Collected)	\$ 10,905.00
Zoe pennies collected in February	\$ 60.00

Church Staff

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Stephen Ministry

Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men.

Ephesians 6:7

Service for March 19

Ushers	Benson Crotts Team
Heat/AC	Randy Leak; Tommy Leak
Crucifer	Mason Bailey
Acolytes	Lilly Matheson & Abigail Miller
TV Ministry	Duff Morse
Nursery	Anna Odom
Greeters	Jerry and Connie Eteo
	Deborah Thomas
RCO Soup Kitchen Leader	Deborah Thomas
Hedge Prayer	Cross Currents Class
Hermitage Volunteer	Robert Cain and Joyce Smith
Sunday Morning Fellowship	UMM
Next Sunday	Benson Crotts

The flowers on the altar today are presented to the Glory of God by Gwen Britt in loving memory of Bill Britt and in honor of their grandson, Ryan Jones, for his 10th birthday.

If you would like to place a Lily in the church on **Easter Sunday, April 16**, please complete the form and place in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

The cost will be \$15.00 each.

Please make your check payable to FUMC at the time of your order. Thanks!

All orders must be received by April 9.

_____ In Loving Memory of _____

_____ In Honor of _____

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T H I R D
Sunday in Lent



First United Methodist Church

Love God Love Others Love the World



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