

Living Faith

United Methodist Church



THIRD SUNDAY *in* LENT

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A Celebration of Christian Worship

March 7, 2021 ~ 3rd Sunday in Lent
Svetlana Morse, Music Director

Prelude: Nearer, My God, to Thee

Svetlana Morse

Announcements, birthdays and anniversaries

Call to Worship

L: Called by Christ,

P: we gather as one.

L: Blessed by God's wisdom,

P: we gather to learn.

L: Amazed by God's love,

P: we gather to worship.

Hymn: #77 How Great Thou Art

1/ O, Lord my God when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder Thy power throughout the universe displayed .

Refrain: Then sings my soul My Savior God to thee How great Thou art, how great Thou art. Then sings my soul My Savior God to thee How great Thou art, how great Thou art

2/ When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly n the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain:*

3/ And when I think that God his Son not sparing sent him to die I scarce can take it in That on the cross my burden gladly bearing He bled and died to take away my sin.

Refrain:

4/ When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim My God how great Thou art *Refrain:*

Opening Prayer

God of glory and might, speak to us with your wisdom, that we might truly hear you. Display your majesty, that we might truly see you. Transform the chaos of our lives with the clarity of your call, that we might worship you in spirit and in truth. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Exodus 20:1-17
John 2:13-22

Angela Sanchez

Special Music: O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Svetlana Morse

Sermon: We Are the Church

Rev. Bob Jon

Hymn of Response: #504 The Old Rugged Cross

1/ On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame; and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

2/ O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world has a wondrous attraction for me; for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above to bear it to dark Calvary.

Refrain:

3/ In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see, or 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify me. *Refrain:*

4/ To the old rugged cross I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear; then he'll call me some day to my home far away, where his glory forever I'll share.

Refrain:

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Confession

When we set up barriers that prevent others from knowing the truth of your love, forgive us and break down those walls. When we set up barriers in our own minds and lives that keep us from knowing the truth of your love, break down our walls with your grace. When we are confused by the world's wisdom, break through our muddled minds and shine the clarity of your teachings. Draw us ever closer to you, to one another, and to the beauty of your wisdom and your love. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Christ reduces the barriers we set up to dust and ashes that blow away to nothing in the power of his mercy and his grace. We are no longer divided or separated, but are united in the wisdom and the love of God.

Passing the Peace

Sharing Our Gifts and Tithes

For online giving, please visit <https://livingfaithumc.net/online-giving/> or download tithe.ly on your smartphone.)

Doxology #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 heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

May the gifts we bring be gifts of love. May the offerings we share be offerings of our hearts. May each gift be blessed by your grace, that others may know the truth of your wisdom and your love. Amen.

Holy Communion (Please see below – pp 4-5)

Hymn: #404 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain:

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray
Yes, every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray

1/ Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke, out his mouth came fire and smoke. All around me looks so shine, ask my Lord if all was mine. *Refrain:*
2/ Jordan river runs right cold, chills the body, not the soul.
Ain't but one train on this track, runs to heaven and right back
Refrain:

Benediction

Postlude: The King of Love My Shepherd Is Svetlana Morse

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Holy Communion: The Great Thanksgiving II

Pastor – The Lord be with you

Congregation – **And also with you.**

Pastor – Lift up your hearts.

Congregation – **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor – Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation – **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, Always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise our name and join their unending hymn:

Congregation: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night to which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said; "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, In remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Congregation – **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of

Christ, redeemed by his blood.” By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is your, almighty Father, now and forever.

Congregation – Amen

Pastor: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

The Lord’s Prayer



Welcome to worship, whether in person or online! May zeal for God’s house consume us, as it did Jesus (John 2:17), but remember that the Holy Spirit lives in every human heart.

Our Critical Needs Ministry needs your help! They have set up 3 families recently coming out of sheltering and it takes a lot of items to do this. **Please...the items need to be in Good**

Condition. If you wouldn't use them in your home, please don't give them to us. Items include:

- Toaster, Toaster Oven, Coffee Maker, Microwave
- Pots & Pans, Dinnerware-Plates, bowls, mugs, serving dishes
- Silverware, Cooking Utensils
- Oven Mitts, Potholders, Dish Towels, Bath Towels & Washcloths
- Broom & Dustpan, Pail, Mop
- Bathmats, Lamps

Remember: Next Sunday (3.14) Daylight Savings Time Begins! Spring ahead!!!

Next Sunday is also UMCOR Sunday. If you wish to donate to this VERY important Special Sunday, it will be appreciated by all those helped by the United Methodist Church!

***Birthdays & Anniversaries this week:** today: Robyn Tracy, Becky Senecal; Thursday: Thomas & Jacob Menten

