

Morning Worship
Sunday, February 28, 2021, 10:00 am
2nd Sunday in Lent

Beginning Music "Blessed Assurance"

Prelude "Be Thou My Vision"

Words to ponder: "God's voice names us in holy love. Christ's voice chastens us when we go astray. The Spirit's voice draws us back to the paths of righteousness. Thanks be to God!"

Additional Scriptures for this Sunday: Psalm 22:23-31;
Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

Scriptures for 3rd Sunday in Lent: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11,
20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome Pastor Ed

Call to Worship (*Responsively*) Leader

Leader: From generation to generation, God names us and claims us.

People: **Blessed be the Lord, our God.**

Leader: When we try to tell God what to do, Christ chastens us and leads us back onto the paths of life.

People: **Let all who draw breath come back to the Lord.**

Leader: From our earliest steps, the Spirit guides our steps and sets before us the ways of life and death..

People: **Let the faithful rejoice in the mysteries of our God.**

Leader: From generation to generation, God names us and claims us.

People: **Let heaven and earth praise God's holy name.**

Opening Prayer (*Unison*) Leader

Spirit of the ages, name us and claim us according to your purposes, as you once called Abram and Sarai long ago. Train our ears to hear your call, and tune our hearts to open at the sound of your voice. As we pick up our cross to follow you, raise us to newness of life. For you call us to be children of your covenant, heirs with your Son, and disciples of your grace. Amen.

Opening Hymn "Through It All" Eunice Alberts,
Patty Dayton, Ron Giannattasio

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages Marsha Moore

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Genesis 17:1-7 and 15-16 Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Reading Mark 8:31-48 Leader

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

Hymn of Preparation "What Wondrous Love Is This"
Rose Aiello, Heather Arnold,
Patty Dayton, Dave York, RoseAnne Homola

Sermon "*What Does It Take to Be Jesus' Disciple?*" Pastor Ed

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*) Leader

Name above all names, visit us in our dreams and shake us from our waking nightmares. For we are tired of stumbling in the dark, blindly following human teachings and placidly heeding human advice. When we lose our way and wander from your path, we need your love to heal us and your grace to complete us. When the forces of destruction close around us, grant us the strength to follow Christ. Love us back onto the right paths and restore us to life, through your faithful and transforming love. Amen.

Silent Meditation

Words of Assurance

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Thayer Doyle

Silent Prayer followed by Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts (Please mail in your offerings)

Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison)

God of manifold blessings, bless our lives to your service, even as we consecrate these gifts in service of a world in need. May our offering go forth this day, and be a reflection of your glory for all who struggle to know your ways. As these gifts go forth to do your work, may they help others hear your voice as you call their names. In the spirit of your grace and peace, we pray. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Sending Hymn "Lord of the Dance" Eunice Alberts,
Patty Dayton, Ron Giannattasio

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Benediction

Benediction Response "Amen"

Our Worship Tech Team

Rose Aiello
Eunice Alberts
Patti Early
Bill Florin
RoseAnne Homola
Amy Rajpolt
Sheryl Rajpolt

Pastor: Reverend Ed Dayton

Leader: Jan Filmer; Children's Time: Marsha Moore
Joys and Concerns: Thayer Doyle

Soloist(s): Rose Aiello, Eunice Alberts, Heather Arnold,
Patty Dayton, Dave York

Pianist/Organist: Ron Giannattasio and RoseAnne Homola
UMC Monroe Lay Leader: Rose Aiello

LHUMC Lay Leaders: Maggie Flemma and Tim Quinn

Music Leaders: Patti Early, RoseAnne Homola, Eunice Alberts



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