



WHITEHOUSE UMC

...to love, serve, and share Christ

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 7, 2021—9:30 AM

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Dr. Sarah Roberts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

†CALL TO WORSHIP

by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, inspired by Joel 2:12; adapted

Turn away from the calls of worldly success.

Repent, and turn back to God.

Turn away from the desire to have what everyone else has.

Repent, and turn back to God.

Turn away from greed and the race for power.

Repent, and turn back to God.

As we journey through Lent, may we turn back to God.

May we seek forgiveness, may we seek healing, may we seek wholeness.

†OPENING PRAYER

†HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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| <i>When morning gilds the skies</i> | <i>The night becomes as day</i> | <i>Let all the earth around</i> | <i>Be this, while life is mine,</i> |
| <i>my heart awakening cries:</i> | <i>when from the heart we say:</i> | <i>ring with the joyous sound:</i> | <i>my canticle divine:</i> |
| <i>May Jesus Christ be praised!</i> | <i>May Jesus Christ be praised!</i> | <i>May Jesus Christ be praised!</i> | <i>May Jesus Christ be praised!</i> |
| <i>Alike at work and prayer,</i> | <i>The powers of darkness fear</i> | <i>In heaven's eternal bliss</i> | <i>Be this th'eternal song</i> |
| <i>to Jesus I repair:</i> | <i>when this sweet chant they hear:</i> | <i>the loveliest strain is this:</i> | <i>through all the ages long:</i> |
| <i>May Jesus Christ be praised!</i> | <i>May Jesus Christ be praised!</i> | <i>May Jesus Christ be praised!</i> | <i>May Jesus Christ be praised!</i> |

"When Morning Gilds the Skies" - words from *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, sts. 1, 2, 4 trans. by Edward Caswall, st. 3 trans by Robert S. Bridges;
music by Joseph Barnby. CCLI #1550924

†AFFIRMATION

Worship & Song: Worship Resources #79

We belong to God, eternal and infinite, Creator of all things and all that is to come.

We follow Christ, who comes to us from God, and reveals God to us.

He heals people and transforms lives, and calls us to join in his ministry.

He was crucified, died, and was raised by God, and reigns over all Creation;

and he bids us to die and rise with him in the service of the healing of the world.

We live by the Spirit, together with the communion of saints,

as members of the Body of Christ, God's holy universal church.

We are confident in the forgiveness of sin, the power of resurrection, and the reality of eternal life.

In all things it is our desire to follow Christ, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for God's glory. Amen.

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PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Trey Burns

†OFFERING MOMENT & DOXOLOGY

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" – words by Thomas Ken, adapt. By Gilbert H. Viera;

music from *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, hamr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

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*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" - words by Thomas O. Chisholm; music by Benjamin M. Runyan. © 1923, renewed 1951 Hope Publishing Co. CCLI #1550924

†SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 45:1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' ¹²And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

This is the word of God for us, the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Season of Change: Reformed Relationships

Rev. Trey Burns

SPECIAL MUSIC

How Beautiful

WUMC Chancel Choir

arr. by Lloyd Larson

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

by Michael J. O'Donnell, from *The United Methodist Book of Worship*

We are reluctant, O Author of Love, to set aside our hurt, our anger, our disappointment.

Heal us with your tender touch, that we might be cleansed of all unclean thoughts,

all schemes of revenge, all hope of vindictive retribution.

Open our eyes to the power of love, shown to us in the unselfish sacrifice of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved members of God's family, hear the good news:

Though we have spurned God's love, Jesus Christ has come to forgive us and welcome us home.

Let us return to the loving embrace of our merciful God.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

RESPONSE

The Gloria Patri

UMH 70

Glorify be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

"Glorify be to the Father" – words *Lesser Doxology*; music by Charles Meineke

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. In love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, your love remained steadfast. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Easter feast, that, renewed by your Word and Sacraments and fervent in prayer and works of justice and mercy, we may come to the fullness of grace that you have prepared for those who love you.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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, whom you sent in the fullness of time to redeem the world.

He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in our likeness. He humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. He took upon himself our sin and death and offered himself, a perfect sacrifice for the sin of the whole world. 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 in 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.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and fruit of the vine.

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 yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD AND GIVING THE CUP

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

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.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN

O happy day, that fixed my choice,
on thee, my Savior and my God!
Well may this glowing heart rejoice,
and tell its raptures all abroad.

O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice, vv. 1-3

O happy bond, that seals my vows
to him who merits all my love!
Let cheerful anthems fill his house,
while to that sacred shrine I move.

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It's done: the great transaction's done!
I am the Lord's and he is mine;
he drew me and I followed on,
charmed to confess the voice divine.

Happy day, happy day, when Jesus washed my sins away!
He taught me how to watch and pray, and live rejoicing every day.
Happy day, happy day, when Jesus washed my sins away!

"O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice" - words by Philip Doddridge, refrain from *Wesleyan Sacred Harp*; music anon., refrain attr. to Edward F. Rimbault. CCLI #1550924

†BENEDCITION

Go forth, you who have been welcomed back into God's embrace.
Go forth and embrace the world with God's love.
Go forth, restored and restoring.

Dr. Sarah Roberts

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WUMC will be holding a memorial service for Karn Schmidt and Geno Loro on Sunday, March 14, at 3pm. The service will be streamed live on our Facebook page for those who cannot attend in person.

If you're joining us for the live stream and would like to take Communion, come to the church between the end of serve and noon. Pastor Trey will be waiting by the carport to give you the sacrament.

Still want to participate in our children's ministry? We can always use more volunteers! Anyone who wants to help share God's love with elementary-aged kids is welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings. If you're interested in serving in this ministry, you can sign up on the board at the Welcome Center, or by using the sign up form Pastor Trey has sent out.

The Finance Committee will be meeting tomorrow, March 8, at 6:00 p.m. in Conner Hall. Members who wish to attend virtually can use the Zoom access information that was sent out to committee members this weekend.

The Board of Trustees will be meeting tomorrow, March 8, at 7:00 p.m. in Conner Hall. Members who wish to attend virtually can use the Zoom access information that was sent out to committee members this weekend.

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PRAYER LIST

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| The Weavers | The Loros | Michael Robinson | Harold Marshall |
| Sandra Walton | Brenda Caps | Betty Garner | Bert Gardner |
| Gaige Hendley | Lauren Lawler | Cindy North | Kelly Kea |
| Kristen Longfellow | Guy De LaMarter | Teresa Mitchum Hughes | Paul Rider |
| Janice Dupree | Joyce Bammes | The Lintners | Hannah Dintelman |
| Jason Krob | Luke Shaeffer | Gene Ruelle | The Calhouns |
| Ryan Baron | Bobbie Akers | Bri Benoit | Jennie Townsend |
| The Wilkes | Our Country | Matt Lockwood | Our Schools |
| Our Schools | Members of our military | Our church family | Our elected officials |
| Our children's ministry | Our community | First Responders | |

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