



Sunday, March 23, 2025

*Prayer candles are available at the communion rail
Financial gifts may be made in the wooden offering boxes
Please silence your electronic devices*

THE GATHERING & CARILLON PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

I Am Thine, O Lord

Monte Thomas
Text at UMH #419

THE CALL TO WORSHIP*

Liturgist

Who are you, who have come here today?

**We are those who hunger and thirst for
hope and peace.**

Liturgist

Welcome to worship, a feast awaits you.

**We have wandered near and far,
seeking God's mercy.**

Liturgist

Jesus Christ offers to you healing and sustenance.

**Thanks be to Christ for his mercy and
generosity.**

THE ENTRANCE HYMN*

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast UMH #616
vss. 1 - 3, 5

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

**We are always uncomfortable,
Watching God,
when you notice how we want to sit in
the seats of honor.**

**We can be so proper, so good,
so well-off,
that it is easy to imagine we are
superior to the poor.**

**We are so busy completing our 'To Do'
list each day,
that we forget to do good when we have
the chance.
Forgive us, Welcoming God.
Fill our emptiness with your grace and
humility,
that we would spend our lives alongside
Jesus, our Lord and Savior,
throwing a party for the poor,
the damaged, the prisoner, the lost,
the oppressed.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

Pastor

This is the good news: after what God has done for
us, what can anyone or anything do to us? We are
new people, graced by our loving God.

**Forgiven, embraced,
welcomed by our God,
we will offer open hearts and serving
hands to everyone we meet.
Thanks be to God. AMEN.**

THE LENTEN RESPONSE*

UMH #359

Refrain of Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

*At the cross, at the cross,
where I first saw the light,
and the burden of my heart rolled away;
it was there by faith I received my sight,
and now I am happy all the day.*

**THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
& THE LORD'S PRAYER**

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 55: 1 - 9

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Broken Bread, Broken Life

Jay Rouse

THE THANKSGIVING & DOXOLOGY*

Tune at UMH #415

*Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts.*

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 14: 1 - 24

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Blest Are They

TFWS #2155

vss. 1 - 3

THE MESSAGE

The Reverend Don Ackerman

Choosing the Better Part

THE CLOSING HYMN*

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

UMH #295

vss. 1 - 2, 4 - 5

THE BENEDICTION*

THE POSTLUDE

*Come, Ye Sinners,
Poor and Needy*

George Shearing

Text at UMH #340

* - Please stand as you are able
UMH - The United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS - The Faith We Sing

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Lisa Varravas
Liturgist

The Reverend Don Ackerman
Pastor

The Crossroads Choir

Beth Polen, *Director of Music Ministries*

Christopher Dazey
Organist, Pianist & Carillonneur

Happy
Birthday

3/24 — Julie Leonard,
Annette Woods
3/26 — Patricia Kuhn,
Jennifer Stephan
3/27 — Melanie Thomas
3/28 — Jane Hursh

Community Action Group

Join with your fellow church members
and help turn fear and grief about our civic life
into shared action

*Next Meeting **TODAY**
11:15 am - Wesley Hall*

New Member Class

**Beginning NEXT Sunday, March 30, 2025
11:15 am - Conference Room**

*Whether you are a new member or not,
you are welcome to join Pastor Don's
weekly New Member Class
starting next Sunday, March 30*

*Learn about the church's history and theology
and ask as many questions as you'd like
about your church home!*

The Village

A Moms Helping Moms Ministry

*Our Village ministry
is currently in need of:*

*Newborn pajamas & outfits, boys & girls
Infant/Child-Size washcloths & towels*

Bring your donation to the church office or see Erin Ackerman

Camp Wanake Work Day

Saturday, April 5, 2025 * 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Lunch Included

Volunteers Needed! - See Jim Kennedy

Easter Flowers

**Easter flower order forms are available
in the rear of the sanctuary**

Form must be received by Palm Sunday, April 13

**To help keep our sacred space clean, at the conclusion of the service,
please return this bulletin to one of the wooden tables located throughout the sanctuary**

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