

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE *Take My Heart* C. Overheat

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS John Ranson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Beloved, the journey of grace takes us to still waters, the valley of the shadow of death, even to tables surrounded by our enemies.

We gather to worship God, our Shepherd, who guides us on the journey.

The journey of grace points us toward the Light so that we may bear the fruit of the Light in all that we do.

We gather to be formed by grace so that our lives may bear the fruit of all that is good and right and true.

The journey of grace calls us to pay attention, to discern what is pleasing to God.

We gather to listen to the Spirit, who empowers us to go from this place to work together to do what is pleasing to God.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***OPENING HYMN** *“Precious Lord Take My Hand”* UMH #474

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Samuel 16:1-13

CHILDREN’S TIME: Still on Our Journey?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 5:8-14

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT “What Mt Vernon UMC Means to Me”

ALDERSGATE CHOIR *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* Folk Hymn

GOSPEL LESSON John 9:1-41

SERMON “Stepping into the Unknown” Rev. Penny G Rasnake

RESPONSE TO THE WORD Psalm 23 UMH # 754

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *More Love to Thee, O Christ* Doane./Hayes

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

***CLOSING HYMN** *“Grace Greater Than All My Sins”* UMH #365

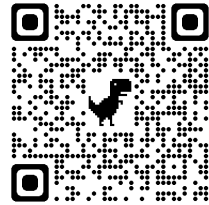
***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

POSTLUDE *Postlude in B-flat* C. Simper

**Please stand as you are able*

Ways to Give

You can give as the offering plate is passed or by scanning the QR Code here



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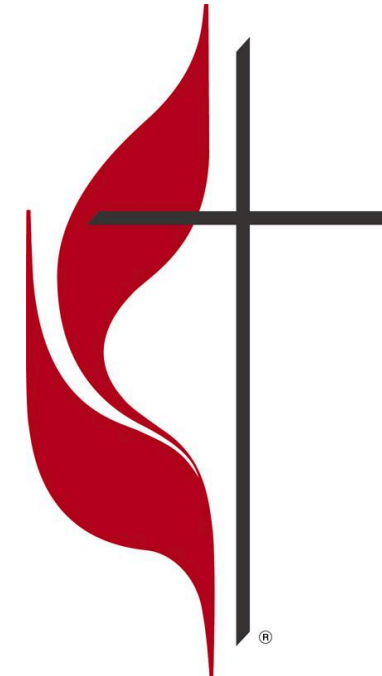
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