**Sunday, February 25, 2024**

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**“Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.”**

\*Please stand if able…

PRELUDE

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

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.**

**LITURGIST SCHEDULE**

February 25th Sue Malevich

March 3rd Warren Ross

March 10th Don Peterson

**YARD WORK** (week runs Monday-Sunday)

February 19th-25th Malevich

Feb 26th-March 3rd Matteson

March 4th-10th Kerzie/Hafdahl

Scripture Readings for next week (March 10th): Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Old Testament Lesson: Numbers 21:4-9

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Coffee An’ will be Sunday, March 3rd… Sue is serving. Note the change of date.

Noisy Offering is today. Let’s bring lots of change to make the can really ring! This year the funds will go to Bill’s House.

The Noisy Offering brought to the Gilbert Police Department for 2023 was counted and totaled $341.00

\*OPENING HYMN: *Faith of Our Fathers*  710

**OPENING PRAYER**

**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**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**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**

PSALM READING: Psalm 22:23-31 752

\*HYMN: *Lord of the Dance*  261

CHILDREN’S TIME

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Time of Silent Prayers**

**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 and ever.**

**AMEN**

\*HYMN:  *Where He Leads Us*  338

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 4:13-25

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 8:31-38

MESSAGE Pastor MaryLou

\*HYMN: *I Have Decided To Follow Jesus* FWS 2129

**RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS/MUSIC**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**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**

**FFERTORY PRAYER**

**God of Boundless Goodness: We have come to this place this day to worship you with our songs, with our words, with our gifts, and with our whole hearts. We are reminded that our discipleship decision involves more than what we bring this day to the altar; it calls us to a place where a cross that is ours alone must be picked up and carried. This, more than anything else, is why we need the community of your church. Strengthen us, we pray, not just to carry our own cross, but to help sisters and brothers carry their crosses as well. In the name of the one who bore his cross for us.**

**AMEN**

BENEDICTION

**\***HYMN: *More Like You*  Insert

POSTLUDE