**Sunday, March 3, 2024**

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

**\*Please stand if able…**

PRELUDE

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: This is the third step on our Lenten Journey.

**People: It is on this journey that we will face our greed and selfishness.**

Leader: It is on this journey that God will confront us.

**People: Our hearts are ready to receive God.**

Leader: Come, then, and let us move forward toward the Cross.

**People: Let us faithfully and confidently follow Jesus.**

**AMEN**

\*OPENING PRAYER: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

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**OPENING PRAYER**

**O God, your weakness is mightier than human**

**LITURGIST SCHEDULE**

March 3rd  Warren Ross

March 10th Don Peterson

March 17th Norma Purkat

**USHER SCHEDULE**

March 3rd John Malevich

March 10th DeEtta Annala

March 17th Deborah Ross-Jaguncih

**YARD WORK SCHEDULE**

Feb 26th-March 3rd Matteson

March 4th-10th Kerzie/Hafdahl

March 11th-17th Kern

Scripture Readings for next week (March 10th)

Psalm (UMH 787)

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Coffee An’ today – Sue is serving…

Good Friday Service will be on Friday, March 29th at 4:00 p.m. This is a very special service – please join us.

Maundy Thursday Service will be held at the Trinity

UMC in Hoyt Lakes at 5:00 p.m. Our church is welcome to join them in this service.

Pastor MaryLou will be gone on Sunday, March 10th, so DeEtta will fill the pulpit.

As you will notice on the schedule page, we are back to using Ushers again…So we will be passing the offering plate again during the service.

**strength, your foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. We rejoice that you are with us today. Open our hearts and discipline our will. Teach us to follow your perfect ways. Test us with righteousness decrees. As with a whip, drive us from unholy living, and turn us toward your holy light. Through you Son, Jesus Christ, comfort and redeem us with your holy Gospel.**

**AMEN**

PSALM READING: PSALM 19 (responsive reading page 750 in the Hymnal)

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 trespass, 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: *The Old Rugged Cross*  504

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 20:1-17

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

GOSPEL LESSON: John 2:13-22

MESSAGE Pastor MaryLou

\*HYMN: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* 297

**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**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Generous God, all we have comes from you and has been given to us as stewards that we might live and love as your beloved children. As we bring our gifts this morning, we realize what a small portion they are compared to what you have given to us. As we have sought ways to fund church ministry without raising our level of sacrifice, forgive us. If there have been times when we unconsciously favored reaching those with more assets to give and overlooked those who live and struggle with little, forgive us. Guide us in the path of repentance. We pray in Jesus’ name.**

**AMEN**

HYMN: *Let Us Break Bread Together*  618

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BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE