

# Welcome to our worship service today!

We are so glad you are with us and pray that you will sense the presence of God in a powerful way as we worship together. God bless you richly!

*\*Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLES

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We have come this day to learn about what God expects of us.

**P: Sometimes we really don't want to know what God wants. We are afraid to make the commitments God seeks.**

L: God is persistent. God will not let us off the hook so easily.

**P: But we have failed so many times in the past. How can we possibly serve now?**

L: Open your hearts to receive forgiveness and healing. Listen to God. Be ready to work with God for hope, peace, justice and love.

**P: Be with us, Lord. Help us to turn around, to see you, to serve you, to witness to your Love. AMEN.**

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN 378 v 1, 2, 3, 4, 6

*"Amazing Grace"*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

\*HYMN TFWS 2160 v 1

*"Into My Heart"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**This is the season of turning. We are called on this journey to turn our lives to the Lord, to turn away from all those things which have harmed us and others; to separate ourselves from actions and attitudes that demean and destroy. It is far too easy for us to sink into the mire of self-pity and self-serving attitudes, wondering why everything isn't coming our way. We want comfort, contentment, no stress, no struggle. Yet our lives are filled with stress and discontent. We hurt, Lord. We hurt in our bodies and our souls. We hurt in our relationships with others. How we must try your patience! We don't want to be like this - we want to feel the warmth of your**

**love, the freedom of your spirit, the joy of serving you. Forgive us for our selfishness and stupidity. Heal us. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

You are given another chance! God has heard your cries. Turn again to the Lord. Find comfort and strength in God's eternal love for you. Be healed. AMEN.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAISE TEAM SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Lord I Need You/I Need Thee Every Hour"*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 55:6-9

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 13: 1-9

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

\*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER UMH #70

\*HYMN 357 v 1, 3, 5, 6

*"Just As I Am Without One Plea"*

MESSAGE

Pastor Debra Schaffran

GIVING BACK TO GOD

DOXOLOGY UMH #95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN 396 v 1, 2, 4

*"O Jesus, I Have Promised"*

BENEDICTION

\*PARTING MUSIC 601

*"Amen"*

*\*UMH - United Methodist Hymnal*

## THIS WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

**Sun., Mar. 24**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

9:45 a.m. Praise Team practice

10:30 a.m. Worship

12 p.m. Book Study

**Mon, Mar. 25**

7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

**Tues., Mar. 26**

10 a.m. – 8 p.m. CORE

5:30 p.m. TOPS

**Wed., Mar. 27**

10:30 a.m. Text Study

5:30 p.m. Jesus After Supper

**Thurs., Mar. 28**

6 p.m. Financial Peace

**Sat., Mar. 30**

1 p.m. Turner 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary party

**Sun., Mar. 31**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Worship

12 p.m. Book Study

Funeral for Earl Fredrickson will be  
Sunday, March 31  
Family meal served by  
WICS – 12:30 p.m.  
Visitation – 1 - 2 p.m.  
Service at 2 p.m.

## ASSISTING TODAY

*Acolyte*

Missy Hanson

*Flowers*

Roberta Thompson

*Greeters & Ushers*

Brian Smith & Patti Miller

*Reader*

Brittany Jewell

*Servers*

Marc, Marilee & Kelly Jensen

*Sound*

Brody Halverson

**Note: you must find your own  
replacement if unable to assist.**

*Organists/Pianists:*

Phyllis Junnila

Maree Nordenstrom

Elaine Keehr

**Offering Mar. 17**

Pledge \$580.00

Non pledge \$612.00

Loose \$62.00

Maintenance \$40.00

Easter flowers \$88.00

Clunky Change \$52.57

Missions \$7.00

**Total \$1441.57**

Attendance 58

**18<sup>th</sup> of month  
Cross & Flame deadline**



## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

March 24, 2019 10:30 a.m.

*“Living for Christ, Sharing His Love”*

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