**Living Out From Within…**

**Sunday, March 21st, 2021**

**Chimes**

**Greeting**

L: God writes a letter upon our hearts.

**P: A letter of love, of peace, of comfort.**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Sharing the Life of the Church**

* Holy Week
* Artists’ Choice
* Easter Offering

**\*Invitation to Worship**

L: Good morning! Welcome to worship today.

**P: Good morning! We are glad to be here.**

L: The Lord is offering us a new covenant and new way of relating to God.

**P: This covenant will be within our hearts and spirits!**

L: Thanks be to God who continually reminds us of God’s presence with us.

**P: Praise be to God who loves and guides us. AMEN.**

**\*Opening Hymn** Change My Heart, O God TFWS #2152

**\*Opening Prayer**

Lord, You know that we would like the ways of discipleship to be easy; to have the paths laid out in a neat line with the future clearly visible at all times. But part of our journey is obscured by our own desires for security and the things of this world. You do not block the way to hope and peace. Our own fears provide the barriers; and far too often those barriers take the forms of alienation and prejudice. Write your words on our hearts, Merciful God. Plant your transforming love in our spirits. Give us courage, grant us hearts filled with peace and confidence in your all-sustaining presence. Help us to set our feet on this pathway toward the cross and beyond. AMEN.

**Children’s Moments**

**Special Music**

**Scripture Jeremiah 31:31-34**

31The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. 33But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. [[1]](#footnote-1)

**Response:**

L: The word of God for the people of God.

 **P: Thanks be to God!**

**Message** Living Out From Within…

**Special Music** I Come to the Garden Mike Lynn

**\*Response** Depth of Mercy (Insert)

You Tube Link to Preferred Version: <https://youtu.be/iFFZv6N0vYg>

**Prayer Time**

* *Sharing Joys and Concerns*
* *Have Thine Own Way UMH #382*
* *Pastoral Prayer*
* *Lord’s Prayer:* ***Our Father, which 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.***

**Offering**

* *Offertory Sentence: God comes to us with the overly generous offer of grace, forgiveness, and eternal life—of peace, joy, and love. Out of an abundance of gratitude and thanksgiving, let us give from our hearts.*
* *Offertory*
* *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: Gracious God, who walks with us along this journey of faith and new life, bless these gifts that they may provide comfort and help to those in need. Amen.*

**\*Closing Hymn** Great is Thy Faithfulness UMH #140

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

1. [*The Holy Bible: New Revised Standard Version*](https://ref.ly/logosres/nrsv?ref=BibleNRSV.Je31.31&off=15&ctx=A+New+Covenant%0a~31%C2%A0The+days+are+surely+co). (1989). (Je 31:31–34). Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)