

March 19, 2023
FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

11:00 A.M.

*Please rise as you are able or in your hearts.

PRELUDE

“Father, Heavenly Father”

Michael Shea

WELCOME AND WORDS OF COMMUNITY

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Once you lived in darkness.

People: Now the light of God has shone upon us.

Leader: Find what is pleasing to God and follow God’s ways.

People: The acts of darkness are left behind as we journey to God’s light.

Leader: Thanks be to God who gives us the light.

People: Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your light of salvation.

ALL: AMEN.

***GATHERING HYMN**

“Christ is the World’s Light”

UMH # 188

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

“A Lenten Creed” (*The Order of Saint*

Columba)

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs. We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted. We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child. We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts. We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine. We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road and that

we are called to love one another as God loves us. This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ. AMEN.

***GLORIA PATRI** “Glory Be to the Father” UMH # 70

CHOIR ANTHEM “Gentle Voice” Lee Dengler
Chancel Choir, Flute- Amanda Gear

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

PRAYER CHORUS “Jesus, Draw Me Close” TFWS # 2159

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Healing God, we have languished in our blindness. We have chosen to hide in darkness in order to avoid reaching out and risking acceptance. We are afraid of the light, and yet we crave it. In your light, there is healing and hope, restoration and transformation. Forgive our lack of faith and our fearfulness, O Lord. Give us courage to reach out to the light and accept its healing rays. May our lives be transformed by your mercy, for we pray this in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.

PRAYERS OF PETITION

After each petition, we enter into the prayer together with these words:

PASTOR: Lord in Your mercy,

PEOPLE: Hear our Prayer.

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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. AMEN.

***HYMN OF PROCLAMATION**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See” TFWS # 454

***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 9:1-41

SERMON

On Natural Disasters and Suffering

Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

OFFERTORY

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Wilbur Held

***DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH # 95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***SENDING HYMN**

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

UMH # 382

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Immortal, Invisible”

Gerald Peterson

ACTIVITIES - MARCH 20 - MARCH 26

Monday, March 20

Pantry 9:00 A.M.
SPRC 6:00 P.M.
Book Club Meeting 6:30 P.M.

Tuesday, March 21

UWIF Leadership Team Mtg. 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday, March 22

Renewal Hour 3:30 P.M.

Thursday, March 23

Bell Group 3 6:30 P.M.
Chancel Choir 7:15 P.M.

Friday, March 24

Pantry 9:00 A.M.

Saturday, March 25

Strategic Planning 10:00 A.M.

Sunday, March 26

Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Worship Service 11:00 A.M.

TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS

Worship Leader

Bertha Messer

Greeter

Debbie Arnold

Trustee

Fred Poland

Toddler Room Assistant

Katharine Schaefer

VAN DRIVER FOR MARCH 26

Van Request:

Greg-- 937- 620 1472 To ride the van you must make your request the day before or you will not be picked up!

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayer ministry after worship each Sunday. See Joyce Barrier if interested.

TODAY



Pastor

Rev. E.. Neil Gaiser, OSL

Administrative Assistant

Carol McDougle

Director of Music

Carol Chatfield

Church Musician

Michele Delduca

Treasurer

Fred Poland

Audio Visual Technician

Roger Christian

Toddler Room Attendant

Brooklyn Messer

Building Maintenance

Nelson Clair

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