

**March 5, 2023**  
**FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



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*Second Sunday in Lent*

March 5, 2023

11:00 A.M.

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

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**PRELUDE**

“Father, Heavenly Father”

Michael Shea

**WELCOME AND WORDS OF COMMUNITY**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, all who need help!

**People: Our help comes from God, the one who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: Come, all who desire blessing!

**People: Our blessing comes from God, the God of Abraham, the God of the ages.**

Leader: Come, all who long for salvation!

**People: Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ, the one sent by God to save the world.**

**ALL: AMEN.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” UMH # 384

**\*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** “Lenten Carol” Marc Robinson  
Chancel Choir, Trombone Mary Beth Wyss

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ALL: God of salvation, you shower our lives and our world with love, yet we too often turn away from your blessing. It is just so easy to complain! There are little annoyances each day, but they pile up into a mountainous burden that becomes a curse on our lives. Free us from our unwise choices, O God. When we are distracted and confused, redirect our attention to the abundant opportunities to experience your love. During this Lenten journey, focus our hearts on you, that we may choose the blessing of salvation offered us each day through Jesus Christ, in whom we pray. 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**

**\*HYMN OF PROCLAMATION**

“O How He Loves You and Me” TFWS # 2108

**\*GOSPEL LESSON** John 3:1-17

**SERMON** Rev. Katharine Schaefer

**OFFERTORY** “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” Wilbur Held

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

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING**

UMH 20-22 (MUSICAL SETTING C)

**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO RECEIVE COMMUNION. YOU DO NOT  
NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF THIS OR ANY CHURCH.**

**\*SENDING HYMN** “I Stand Amazed in the Presence” UMH # 371

**\*BENEDICTION**

Leader: Though we were condemned, we have found pardon.

**People: Though death held dominion over our lives, God’s grace and  
gift of righteousness now lives and reigns within us.**

Leader: We are free. We are forgiven. We are alive in Christ!

**ALL: AMEN!**

**POSTLUDE** “How Firm a Foundation” Edward Broughton

## **ACTIVITIES - MARCH 6 - MARCH 12**

### **Monday, March 6**

Pantry 9:00 A.M.

### **Wednesday, March 8**

FROC 6:15 P.M.

### **Thursday, March 9**

Bell Group 2 6:30 P.M.

Chancel Choir 7:15 P.M.

### **Friday, March 10**

Pantry 9:00 A.M.

### **Saturday, March 11**

Legal Clinic &

Pantry 10:00 A.M.

### **Sunday, March 12**

Sunday School 9:45 A.M.

Worship Service 11:00 A.M.

## **TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS**

### **Worship Leader**

Barbara Rowlands

### **Greeters**

Bertha Messer

### **Trustee**

Jan Mains

### **Toddler Room Assistant**

Debbie Arnold

## **VAN DRIVER FOR MARCH 12**

### **Van Request:**

**Jerry-- 937-689-3176** To ride the van you must make your request the day before or you will not be picked up!

## **LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **WEST OHIO UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH 2023 LENTEN STUDY**

The West Ohio United Women in Faith will host a Lenten Study beginning today, Sunday, March 5 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. The Study sessions will be 4 Sundays in March. The Book for the Lenten Study is Meeting Jesus at the Table by Christine Coy Fohr and Cynthia Campbell. It can be ordered at [Cokesbury.com](http://Cokesbury.com). or contact Cecelia Long, 937/972-7045 to order the book for you.

### **PRAYER MINISTRY**

New prayer ministry after worship each Sunday. See Joyce Barrier if interested.

### **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

### **MASK POLICY**

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