

*Salem in Ballwin  
United Methodist Church*

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**February 16, 2020 10:00 AM**

Please sign the registration pad at the end of the pew and pass it to the next person.

*I press on toward the goal  
to win the prize...  
Philippians 3:14*

**THOUGHT UPON ENTERING**

"In the way of righteousness *is* life; and *in* the path-way *thereof there is* no death." Proverbs 12:28 KJV  
Walking through a forest in early autumn, a path appears leading left or right, with no ends in sight. It would seem easier to follow either way instead of pressing on and making a new one. Yet those who made these paths may not have found what they sought; their paths may lead nowhere. But there is guidance in God's word and trust in God's ways. The true compass is in prayer and listening with faith for God's gentle voice.

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

"The Solid Rock/'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: "Are ye able," said the Master, "to be crucified with me?"

**People: "Yea," the sturdy dreamers answered, to the death we follow thee."**

Leader: When our rhetoric outruns our reality, we are called to account.

**People: When we betray our best intentions, we are called to repent.**

Leader: When, in all our fickleness, we learn that Jesus loves us anyway . . .

**People: We are called to worship and bow down.**

**All: O come let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker, our Redeemer, our Friend.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

Leader: Living Christ, your earthly ministry was full of struggle as well as joy; yet you were faithful in following God's will. Breathe your Spirit into our lives, that we may never fall back from the way of discipleship or the effort of loving. Grant that we may find true joy and peace as we accept the cost of faithful discipleship; for it is in your name we pray.

**ALL: Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #368** "My Hope Is Built"

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

**Holy One, before your splendor and glory we fall silent, aware of our human frailty and sin. Who are we to speak your word of love, or spread your gospel of truth? Yet only speak your word of forgiveness, only touch us with your healing fire, and humbly we will respond to your call, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: Hear the good news! God has forgiven each one of us and calls us to take our parts in the drama of redeeming love.

**People: Praise God, who accepts and uses our very human lives in the unfolding story of salvation and new life!**

**\* PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**ANTHEM**

"Great Jehovah" - Choir

**PASTORAL 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 trespasses 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. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE**

Genesis 19:24-28 (NRSV)

**\*GLORIA PATRI #71**

**ESPTILE READING** Philippians 3:7-16 (NRSV)

**HYMN OF PREPARATION #380**

"There's with My Heart a Melody"

**MESSAGE** "Stuck in a Rut?" Pastor Ken Gottman

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

### OFFERING MUSIC

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

### \*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

### \*CLOSING HYMN #374

“Standing on the Promises”

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

**All are welcome at our “Valentine” Luncheon  
immediately following the service in Duff Hall.**

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## *Serving Today*

**Ushers** - Steve Gregory, Clyde Araki, Sue Coogan

**Liturgist** - Cathy Gregory

**Fellowship Coordinator** - Charlotte Meshell

**Video/Audio** - Bill Schrader

## *Coming Up Next Week*

**Monday, February 17**

Woodcarvers 7:00 pm Duff Hall

**Tuesday, February 18**

Scouts 6:30 pm Duff Hall

**Wednesday, February 19**

AARP 8:00 am Duff Hall

Prayer Group 5:45 pm

Choir 7:00 pm

**Thursday, February 20**

Hearts & Hands 9:30 am Duff Hall

Cards 12:00 pm Duff Hall

Scouts 6:00 pm Duff Hall

## *We believe in the Power of Prayer*

### Our Members Needing Prayers

Charlene Stephens; Betty Roe; Miles Stewart; The Holt family; Charlotte Meshell; Jeanne Williams; Peggy Araki; Mike Groves; Roger Crabtree; Betty Caswell; Donna Flora; Velma Buermann; Lila Poertner; Wayne and Virginia Jordan;

### Our Family and Friends Needing Prayers

The Roe's niece's husband Fred; The Carden family; Janice Noel's niece and family; Rachelle Holt's Aunt Frances; Beth Earnest; The Godsey's son and Jana Jones brother Alan; Alice Krechel's brother Lawrence;

### Our Community

The turmoil in the UMC; All people fighting cancer and other diseases; The Ballwin Police Department and all First Responders; Francisco Queniasse, our seminary student in Mozambique; all dealing with mental health issues; The Fold Children's Home

### Those in our Armed Forces

Michael Suozzi has been deployed to the Indo-Pacific area with the US Navy; Kyle Roe is stationed in Yankeetown, Florida with the Coast Guard.

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