

*Salem in Ballwin
United Methodist Church*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

March 1, 2020 10:00 AM

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



THOUGHT UPON ENTERING

“How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?” Matthew 18:12 KJV Jesus demonstrated unconditional love and acceptance to those who truly sought forgiveness and healing. But he also showed God’s “tough” love to those who did not listen to him or accept him; by confronting them time and time again. He did not turn his back on non-believers; he never gave up on them. God’s unconditional and persistent love encompasses all, even the one sheep of us who go astray.

WELCOME

PRELUDE “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Lent is a season to ask ourselves how we, like Pilate, Caiaphas and the crowd, continue to nail Christ to the tree.

People: A season to ask ourselves how we, like Peter, are afraid and turn away.

Leader: A season to ask ourselves what we, like the woman with fine ointment, have to offer.

People: A season to watch and wait with Christ, that we may have courage in the hour of testing.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Leader: O God, you know us through and through. You know the many choices we face each day. We choose between right and wrong. We choose between greater and lesser evils. We choose what will be important to us in life. As you strengthened Jesus to choose rightly when he was tempted in the wilderness, so strengthen us, through your presence and Spirit, when we face temptation, that we may walk in the paths most pleasing to you.

ALL: Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #384**

“Love Divine, All Love’s Excelling”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of truth, how difficult it is for us to be truthful before you. We want to hide our anxieties and fears, our resentments and self-centeredness. Cut through our evasions by the truth of your word, and help us to be honest. God of mercy, your hopes for us are greater than our own, yet our failures do not surprise you. Forgive us, we pray, even for the sin we cannot see or find painful to confess. God of love, accept us as we are, so that we may

accept ourselves. Teach us to affirm what is good in our lives, and to put behind us what is unworthy, that by your grace we may live in confidence and joy, in the manner of Jesus, the Anointed One. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: The good news is that God forgives us, restores us, and nourishes us in Christ, our living water and true bread.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD!

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

ANTHEM “In This Very Room!” - Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 3:17-19 (RSV)

***GLORIA PATRI #71**

***GOSPEL READING** John 3:16-21 (NRSV)

HYMN OF PREPARATION #147
“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

MESSAGE “Dimensions of Love: Breadth”
Pastor Ken Gottman

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC “The Gift of Love”

*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

RITUAL OF HOLY COMMUNION (pg. 10 UMH)
(We practice open communion. You do not have to be a member of Salem, or a United Methodist in order to receive the sacrament. Go forward to the altar rail when indicated by the ushers. Kneel or stand to receive then return to your seat, giving thanks to God.)

COMMUNION MUSIC “God So Loved the World”

***CLOSING HYMN #437** “This Is My Song”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

All are welcome at our Fellowship Luncheon immediately following the service in Duff Hall.

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Serving Today

Ushers - Steve Gregory, David Welch, Cathy Gregory

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Coming Up Next Week

Monday, March 2

Trustees 5:30 pm
Woodcarvers 7:00 pm Duff Hall

Tuesday, March 3

UMW Meeting & Lunch 1:00 pm Duff Hall

Wednesday, March 4

AARP 8:00 am Duff Hall
Choir 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 5

Hearts and Hands 9:30 am Duff Hall
Cards 12:00 pm Duff Hall

We believe in the Power of Prayer

Our Members Needing Prayers

Genny Maas passed away on February 26; Patty Ham; Charlene Stephens; Betty Roe; Miles Stewart; 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

Janet Carr's husband Gary; The Roe's niece's husband Fred; The Carden family; Janice Noel's niece and family; Rachele Holt's Aunt Frances passed away; 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.

Joys

Eleven new scouts joined our Scout BSA Troops recently.

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