

*Salem in Ballwin*  
*United Methodist Church*

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**March 8, 2020 10:00 AM**

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

*Jesus*  
LOVES ME  
THIS I KNOW

**THOUGHT UPON ENTERING**

“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.” Psalm 23:4 KJV A parent might say to an adult child, “I love you all the time, but sometimes I don’t like you very much”. Perhaps God sees His children that way from time to time. But God’s eternal love for His people is unchanging and unconditional. In human life we are imperfect but God loves us anyway and always, never leaving us to walk alone.

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

Duet: “Amazing Grace”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The world counts the first, foremost, finest, and fastest.

**People: The church of Jesus Christ counts the least, last, and lost.**

Leader: The world urges us to stay safe at all costs.

**People: The Lord Jesus challenges us to be caring and daring.**

Leader: The world urges us to worship fame, wealth, and power.

**People: Jesus declares, “You shall worship the Lord your God, and God only shall you serve!”**

**ALL: We are here to do what Jesus says and to count like Jesus counts!**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

Leader: Almighty God, your blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan in the wilderness. Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations. And because you know the weakness of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #110**

“God Hath Spoken by the Prophets”

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law. We have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors; and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: Hear the good news. Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. That proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**ALL: Glory to God. Amen.**

**\* PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**ANTHEM**

“Yes, Jesus Loves Me” - 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.**

**PSALTER #746**

Psalm 13

(read responsively, with sung responses)

**\*GLORIA PATRI #71**

**EPISTLE READING** Ephesians 3:14-19 (NRSV)

**HYMN OF PREPARATION #534**

“Be Still, My Soul”

**MESSAGE**

“Dimensions of Love: Length”

Pastor Ken Gottman

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERING MUSIC**

**\*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 #536**

“Take the Name of Jesus with You”

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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

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Commissioned by Christ**

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*Serving Today*

**Ushers** - Kim Mandrell, Jack Beverlin, Diana Hughes

**Liturgist** - Jana Jones

**Fellowship Coordinator** - Charlotte Meshell

**Video/Audio** - Bill Schrader

*Coming Up Next Week*

**Monday, March 9**

Scraps Quilters 9:00 am Duff Hall

UMM Meeting 6:29 pm Duff Hall

**Wednesday, March 11**

AARP 8:00 am Duff Hall

Supper 5:30 pm

Presentations - Transitions 6:15 pm Duff Hall

Choir 7:00 pm

**Thursday, March 12**

Cards 12:00 pm Duff Hall

**Saturday, March 14**

Woodcarvers 8:00 am Duff Hall

*We believe in the Power of Prayer*

**Our Members Needing Prayers**

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;  
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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