

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION #301 “Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross”

1. Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain, free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary’s mountain.

Refrain: In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever, till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

2. Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me; there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. **Refrain:**

3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me; help me walk from day to day with its shadow o’er me. **Refrain:**

4. Near the cross I’ll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever, till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. **Refrain.**

SERMON “Refusing to Let Go” **Rev. Melody Adams**

****HYMN OF DEDICATION #157** “Jesus Shall Reign”

1. Jesus shall reign where’er the sun does its successive journeys run; his kingdom spread from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more

2. To Jesus endless prayer be made, and endless praises crown his head; his name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

3. People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song; and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

4. Blessings abound where’er he reigns; all prisoners leap and loose their chains; the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

5. Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

****Sending Forth**

One: Let us depart, changed by God’s grace.

Many: And filled with God’s Spirit.

One: Let us go to share the love of Jesus.

Many: Jesus, the King of Peace.

Sunday 20– Saturday 26 Decorating the Church for Advent

Wednesday November 23 ALF at 10:30 am

Thursday November 24 Happy Thanksgiving

Sunday November 27 Annie Harding filling the pulpit

First Sunday of Advent

Welcome to

Worship

At Cambridge/Bartley-Indianola UMC



Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9AM-12PM

Indianola/Bartley service at 9:45 am in Bartley

Cambridge service at 11:00 am



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Our Vision: To Know God, to experience the Holy Spirit and to share God’s love.



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GREETING & WORDS OF GRACE

“The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have supremacy.” Colossians 1:15-18 (NIV)

APOSTLES' CREED

**HYMN OF PRAISE #73

“O Worship the King”

1. O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing God's power and God's love; our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.
2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space, whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.
3. The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, thy power hath founded of old: hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.
4. Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail; thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

**CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Prepare the way of the Lord. Make your hearts ready for the coming king.

Many: We will be merciful to prepare our hearts for the king of mercy. We will seek justice to prepare our world for the king of peace.

One: Prepare the way of the Lord—the One who has given the ultimate gift of love.

Many: We will offer our very best as we help build God's kingdom of justice and joy!

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER TIME

Joys and Concerns

Prayer of the People

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERING OF GIFTS & TITHES

**Doxology #95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow

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.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of Grace, we offer you these gifts in gratitude for your greater gifts of grace and peace. May our offerings plant seeds of hope and good news for all who long to see your kingdom and yearn to taste the goodness of your love. In your holy name we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23:33-43

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One.” The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.” There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don't you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”