



# 9:00 am Contemporary Service

March 19, 2023



Prelude	<i>"My Life Is In You Lord"</i>	
Announcements/Passing of the Peace		Colleen Darcy-Siddell, CLS
*Praise in Singing	<i>"Mountains Tremble"</i> <i>"Soul Of Fire"</i>	
Children's Moment	<i>"Jesus Loves The Little Children"</i>	Colleen Darcy-Siddell, CLS
Confession & Pardon		Pastor Joe
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Joe
Giving of our Tithes and Offerings		Pastor Joe
Offertory	<i>"It Is You"</i>	
*Scripture Reading	John 9: 1-41	Terri Young
Sermon	<b>A Miracle In The Face Of Resentment</b>	Rev. Dr. Joe K. MacDonald
Response	<i>"Glorious Day"</i>	
Benediction		Pastor Joe
*Song of Departing	<i>"Let Everything That Has Breath"</i>	
Postlude	<i>"God Is Great"</i>	

**\*Please Stand as able**

*Have A Blessed Week*

**Praise Team Members: Matthew Bierner, Bob Young, Anthony Baca  
Cindy Jones, Jessica Bierner and Stephen Jenkins, Vocalists.**



# 11:00 am Traditional Service

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Prelude		Marj Conner, CLS
Announcements/Passing of the Peace		Marj Conner, CLS
*Call To Worship		Marj Conner, CLS
Leader: Welcoming God, we gather here today to worship and praise you.		
<b>People: We gather in this sacred place where, over many generations, our forebears have gathered to worship God.</b>		
Leader: Responsive God, you hear our prayers, our sighs, our doubts and all our fears.		
<b>People: We give you our thanks for your loving awareness and care of us all.</b>		
Leader: We gather to again fulfill our commitments to our God in the presence of your people.		
<b>People: We offer our sacrifice, our homage, our gifts of praise and thankfulness to our God. Amen.</b>		
*Hymn (UMH # 381)	<i>"Savior, Like A Shepherd"</i> , vs 1 & 4	
*Psalm 24 (UMH # 754 )		Marj Conner, CLS
Children's Moment		Colleen Darcy-Siddell, CLS
*Hymn (UMH # 261)	<i>"Lord Of The Dance"</i> , vs 1 & 2	
Confession & Pardon		Pastor Joe
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Joe
Anthem	<i>"Down By The Riverside"</i>	Chancel Choir
*Scripture Reading	John 9: 1-41	Robert Chavez, CLS
Sermon	<b>A Miracle In The Face Of Resentment</b>	Rev. Dr. Joe K. MacDonald
Affirmation of Faith		Pastor Joe
Giving of Our Tithes and Offering		Robert Chavez, CLS
Offertory (UMH # 474)	<i>"Precious Lord"</i> , vs 1 & 3 <i>*Doxology # 95</i>	
Benediction		Pastor Joe
*Closing Hymn (UMH # 451)	<i>"Be Thou My Vision"</i> , vs 1	
Postlude		
<b>* Please Stand As Able</b>		



### Prayer of Confession

**Leader:** Creative, passionate God, you delight to shape the world in beauty and harmony. You invite us to participate in the balance of creation. We grow in wisdom as our experience unfolds; we take good learning out of difficult situations yet also find our well-meant endeavors leading to unintended consequences. Too often we give in to temptation that disrupts the joyous, chaotic order of the universe. We cannot undo all our mistakes, but we can turn once more to the living presence of Jesus and find new ways to live and love each other and the earth.

**People:** Do not let our hearts be fearful, but let us in silence acknowledge our sin and seek the forgiveness that restores your peace.

### Words of Assurance

**Leader:** Even as Adam and Eve faced the consequences of their sin, our God prepared a way for them still to be connected to the earth and to the living presence of God. So it is with all of us: in Christ's life, ministry, death and resurrection, we are made able to persist, upright and strong, for our sins are forgiven.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

### Affirmation of Faith

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 discipline 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 it in the name of Jesus the Christ.

Amen.

**Children's Chime practice  
TODAY at 4:30 pm**

### WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Sun	10:00 a	Bible Study
	10:00 a	Youth Group
	10:00a—2:00p	BLOOD DRIVE
	4:30 p	Chime Practice
	6:00 p	Recovery Group
Mon	6:00 p	Bell choir practice
	6:00 p	Trustee Meeting
Mon & Wed	6:15 p	Recovery Group
Wed	5:30 p	Wed Night Dinner
Thur	6:15 p	Choir Singer Workshop
	7:00 p	Full Choir Practice

**Last Sunday Attendance: 105**

Wednesday Night Dinner this week will be Meat Loaf

Please sign up using form on kiosk in Narthax

**Memorial Service for Ed Davis  
Will be held here on  
April 8th at 1:00 pm**

Pastor's Lenten Study  
Sundays at 10:00 am  
In Susanna Wesley room  
**24 Hours That Changed The World**

**Blood Drive Today  
10am - 2 pm  
In The Oasis Room**

Safe Sanctuary Training  
Next Sunday, March 26th  
At 12:30 pm



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