

March 3, 2024

Welcome and Announcements:

Pastor Philip

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Music to Prepare Our Hearts:

Michael Snyder

“Lord, I Want to be a Christian”

Arranged by Cindy Berry

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Call to Worship: *

Jeri Dumholt

L: We stand in the need of the presence of God.

P: Our lives can so easily become corrupted by our own greed.

L: But the Lord has heard our cries and calls us forward on this journey.

P: Lord, guide our steps.

L: Come, let us worship God who is always with us.

P: Let us open our hearts to the healing, restoring love of God. AMEN.

Opening Hymn: *

“The Old Rugged Cross”

UMH #504

Opening Prayer *

Jeri Dumholt

God of love and truth, we long to walk in your paths. We yearn to follow you in the ways that lead to life and wholeness. Yet it is hard to know if we are taking the right paths on our journey of faith. We worry that we will wander off, even when we don't mean to. May your love set us right, forgive our mistakes, and show us where we should go. **Amen.**

A Time of Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Cliff Heckman

Time of Quiet for Personal Prayer

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Jeri Dumholt

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

John 2:13-22

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

Hymn of Reflection *

“Lamb of God”

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Message:

“Do You Church”

David Tom

We Share Our Gifts

Music During Offering:

Chancel Choir

“They’ll Know We are Christians”

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Doxology: *

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“Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow”

Communion:

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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. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Music During Communion:

Michael Snyder

“Communion Meditation”

Arranged by Garrett Parker

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Closing Hymn: *

“O How He Loves You and Me”

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Benediction:

Music for Going Forth:

Michael Snyder

“Classical Theme by Marcello”

Benedetto Marcello, arranged by Robert W. Thygerson

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