

ORDER OF SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

March 4, 2018

Third Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m.

WELCOME Lindsey Blackwell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER CONCERNS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE David Runner, Ph.D.

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 19)

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**Day to day pours forth speech,
and night declares knowledge.**

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

**The decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

We confess to you Almighty God that we have neglected
your law:

**We confess that we have sought out ways to avoid and explain
away your laws and decrees, that we have ignored your call
on our lives to be holy, to show mercy and to practice
kindness. Forgive us we pray: let all our words and all our
thoughts reflect your grace and glory that we have known in
the redeeming work of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* HYMN NO. 577 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Love Beyond Degree" Victor C. Johnson
Sean Collier, directing

* DOXOLOGY NO. 95

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* HYMN NO. 2233 "Where Children Belong"

*This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of
the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and
cup, prayer and song: this is where children belong.*

CHILDREN'S TIME Brittani Clayman

SCRIPTURE:

Exodus 20:1-8 Pew Bible p. 90-91

*John 2:13-22 Pew Bible p. 1291-1292

HYMN NO. 465 "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

SERMON "The Covenant of Moses"
The Rev. Robert Countiss, D. Min.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 13

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

Save us from the time of trial

And deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

* HYMN NO. 217 "Lord of All Hopefulness"

* BENEDICTION

* SONG OF BLESSING "Go Now in Peace" Price and Besig
Go now in peace; never be afraid. God will go with you each hour
of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He
will guide you in all you do. Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there,
watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
Amen.

* POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able

Communion in the United Methodist Church is open to all.
If you wish to receive Communion in your seat, please tell an usher.
If you prefer a gluten-free option, it is available on the right side.



*The flowers this morning
are given in loving remembrance
of Mack Blackwell on his birthday
by Patty, Lynn and family.*

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, March 4

8:45 a.m. Contemporary: Glenn Patterson

8:45 a.m. Traditional: Rev. Robert Countiss

11:00 a.m. Traditional: Rev. Robert Countiss

Greeters: Rebecca Adkins and John Berry

Acolyte: Katie Rankin

Ushers for Traditional Worship: Team Communion

Offering Stewards: Tom and Liz Bowen

No Children's Church

Flowers: Patty Blackwell

Sound: Roger Edwards and Brent Treash

Communion is observed in the Traditional Service

Communion Offering in March to UMCOR

Food Offering: Canned Fruit

Sunday, March 11

8:45 a.m. Contemporary: Rev. Robert Countiss

8:45 a.m. Traditional: Glenn Patterson

11:00 a.m. Traditional: Rev. Robert Countiss

Greeters: Mike and Suzanne Rankin

Acolytes: Josie Thiessen, Ellie Ruble

Ushers for Traditional Worship: Team C

Offering Stewards: Kenneth and Deanna Reynolds

Children's Church: Brittani Clayman

Flowers: Wanda Pugh

Sound: Roger Edwards and Brent Treash

Communion is observed in the Contemporary Service

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Robert Countiss, D.Min., Pastor

Glenn Patterson, Director of Music

Lindsey Blackwell, Music Ministry Assistant

Lisa Withers, Organist/Accompanist

Sean Collier, Music Intern

Suzanne Rankin, Program Director

Brittani Clayman, Director of Students

Michele Carpenter, Office Manager

Bill Gibson, Contemporary Music Director

Moises Martinez, Student Intern

Kitty McCormick, Infant Nursery Worker

Jessica Hawks, Infant Nursery Worker

Wendy Long, Toddler Nursery Worker

Laken Price, Toddler Nursery Worker

Butch and Peggy Jones, Custodians

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun. Mar. 4 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Service
8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:45 a.m. Kidstuff
9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
11:00 a.m. Children’s Church
4:00 p.m. Baby Shower for Ashlan Frye
Mon. Mar. 5 9:30 a.m. Response Circle at Feeding America
Tues. Mar. 6 3:30 p.m. UMW Executive Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. Scouts
Wed. Mar. 7 6:30 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast JMH
12:05 p.m. Ecumenical Lenten Service & Lunch
5:15 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Dinner
6:10 p.m. Bells
6:15 p.m. Lenten Study with Robert
6:15 p.m. Youth Activity/Children’s Choir
6:45 p.m. Youth Choir/Children’s Activity
7:00 p.m. Choir

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY DURING LENT

Dinner at 5:15 p.m.

WW Lenten Study: Each Wed. during Lent at 6:15 led by Robert

LENTEN ECUMENICAL NOONTIME SERVICES

Services begin at 12:05 p.m.

March 7 at Abingdon Baptist Church

Meditation by: Rev. Boyd Evans from St. Thomas Episcopal Church
A light lunch will be provided after the service.

**WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY
DINNER RESERVATION FORM**

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Number Attending: _____

Would you like to have a standing Reservation?: Yes

**MENU: Cube steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, peas,
Salad and dessert. Krew #2**

Please return to church office by Tuesday at Noon.

PRAYER LIST

In an effort to keep the Prayer List updated and current, requests will be removed from the Prayer List after 4 weeks. Please let us know of any corrections, updates or additions you may have.

New Request: Ann Mathews

Prayer List: Maggie Dillow (Pat White), Beverly Keener, Sharleen Miller

Treatment Pending/Continuing: Rusty Cline, Dorothy DeBord, Mike Ferrell, Ellee Large (Becky Matney), Ann Johnson (Kendall Johnson), Harrison Magstadt (Kim Farris Luke), French Moore, Jr.

Homebound, Independent Living/Retirement, Assisted Care and Rehab Facilities: Harry Arnold, VT Carr, John and Phyllis Deadmore, Peggy Donaldson, Drema Grau, Carol Hearl, Penny Howard, Louise King, Charlie Krum, Martha Snyder, Jan Thrasher, Mae Turner, Gene Widener, Millie Woody

EASTER EGG DONATIONS

The church will be taking donations of plastic Easter eggs and Easter candy for our Egg Hunt, to be held Sunday, April 1. A basket will be placed by the main office for convenient drop off. All candy should be individually wrapped and dropped off by March 25. Thank you in advance!

ENCORE EVENT IN MARCH

Tuesday, March 20

Lunch at Steak and Shake and Movie
“I Can Only Imagine” at the Pinnacle
Leave: 11 a.m. Return: 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$8 for movie ticket; Buy your own lunch.

Sign up deadline: March 11.

Everyone retirement age and up is welcome to join us!

LIFELINE SCREENING COMING TO AUMC

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at Abingdon United Methodist Church on 3/12/18. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129: please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle> or text the word circle to 797979.**

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