

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 21, 2021

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Glorious Is Thy Name

HYMN OF PRAISE

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

*Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission,
And the gospel go unheard,
Help us witness to your purpose
With renewed integrity.*

Refrain:

*With the Spirit's gifts empower us
For the work of ministry.*

*Lord, you call us to your service:
"In my name, baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise,
Life abundant meant for each,
Give us all new fervor, draw us
Closer in community. [Refrain]*

*Lord, you make the common holy:
"This my body, this my blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
Daily lift life heavenward,
Asking that the world around us
Share your children's liberty. [Refrain]*

*Lord, you show us love's true measure:
"Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure
All that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
To a just society. [Refrain]*

*Lord, you bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring,
May we serve as you intend
And, amid the cares that claim us,
Hold in mind eternity. [Refrain]*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
The third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,

And sitteth at the right hand of God
The Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge
The quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the
Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Amen.*

PASTORAL GREETING

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise
God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus
Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy
Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Love Your God With All Your Heart

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING

St. Mark 1:1-11 (NRSV)

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Borning Cry Ensemble

SERMON

“The Waters of Our Baptism”
Rev. Dr. Kip Laxson

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

*Wash, O God, our sons and daughters
Where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among your people;
Bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling;
Compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,
Holy dove and heart’s delight.*

*We who bring them long for nurture;
By your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking
Cup of blessing, living bread.
God, renew us, guide our footsteps;
Free from sin and all its snares,
One with Christ in living, dying,
By your Spirit, children, heirs.*

*O how deep your holy wisdom!
Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor!
With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you,
Water washed and Spirit born.
By your grace, our lives we offer.
Recreate us; God, transform!*

SENDING FORTH

BLESSING RESPONSE

Go Forth for God

*Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
Be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
In God’s good Spirit daily to increase,
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.*

POSTLUDE

LEADERS IN TODAY’S SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Kip Laxson, Senior Pastor,
Ordained Elder
Maggie Dunaway, Congregational Care Director
Nancy Beard, Director of Music
Ellen Stanton, Martha LaCroix, Pianists
Harriet Babb, Ranea Breen, Linda Brewer, Liz
Drugan, Johnny Morgan, Marian Morris, Kevin
Podsiadlik, Greta Sandy-Feagin, Lamar Shaw, Jerry
Toole, Phillip Underwood, Ensemble

PRODUCTION CREW

Matthew Butts, Technical Director
Michael Morris, Digital Engagement Manager

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021

In-person & Online Attendance

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Giving

Budgeted Giving: \$83,861
Contributions Received: \$46,847.12



METHODIST HISTORY & HERITAGE

WEDNESDAYS THIS MARCH - 6:30 P.M.

IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL CLASS (ASBURYONLINE.ORG)



SHOP!

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

4:00 - 8:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.