

Order of Worship

Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021

The liturgical color is purple symbolizing the season of self denial.

*We lift up prayers for the community, our church family, staff, ministers,
and for the work of Christ in the world.*

Prelude "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" arr. David Paxton

Call to Worship "Change My Heart"
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.
You are the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.

Welcome Rev. Dr. George K. Howle

* **Opening Hymn** "O For a Thousand Tongues" UMH #57

Dedication of the Paraments Rev. Howle

* **Affirmation of Faith** Bishop Gary Rivas

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.

* **The 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 Prayer Rev. Howle

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Message Julia Brooks

* **Hymn of Preparation** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" TFWS #2129

* **Sermon Text** Mark 8:31-38 Jennifer Hupko 8:30
Harriet Clark 11:00

Then Jesus began to teach his disciples: "The Human One must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and the legal experts, and be killed, and then, after three days, rise from the dead." He said this plainly. But Peter took hold of Jesus and, scolding him, began to correct him. Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, then sternly corrected Peter: "Get behind me, Satan. You are not thinking God's thoughts but human thoughts." After calling the crowd together with his disciples, Jesus said to them, "All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me and because of the good news will save them. Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives? What will people give in exchange for their lives? Whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this unfaithful and sinful generation, the Human One will be ashamed of that person when he comes in the Father's glory with the holy angels."

Anthem "Softly and Tenderly" arr. Brown
Norman McQueen, *Soloist*

Sermon "Take Up Your Cross" Rev. Meredith M. Dark

* **Closing Hymn** "Where He Leads Me" UMH #338

* **Benediction** Rev. Dark

Postlude "Wondrous King, All-Glorious" arr. Hans Arnold Metzger

(* Please stand as you are able.)

UMH #57

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
‘tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘tis life, and health, and peace.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.

TFWS #2129

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me, no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow, though none go with me, still I will follow,
Though none go with me, still I will follow, no turning back, no turning back.

UMH #338

“Where He Leads Me”

I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling, “Take thy cross and follow, follow me.”

*Where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow,
where he leads me I will follow; I’ll go with him, with him all the way.*

He will give me grace and glory, he will give me grace and glory,
he will give me grace and glory, and go with me, with me all they way. *[Refrain]*

The **Flowers** that beautify our sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our wedding anniversary on February 29th by Wanda and Marion Bellamy.

Flowers are needed for the following dates: Mar 7, 21. To place flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Jennifer Julian in the church office, 843-448-7164 x207 or jennifer@fumcmb.org.

We welcome those visiting with us today and pray that you will experience the presence of Christ in our worship together.

Sunday Worship may be viewed Live on Facebook at 8:30AM or on the website (www.fumcmb.org), on our mobile app, or on FOX TV Sundays at 10AM on channel 7 (one week delay).

Assisting in Worship

Ushers

8:30 Harry Branton, Jerry Champion, Greg Clemmons, Ronald Eldridge, Judy Hall, Roger Hall, Jack Rebeck, Toby Ward

11:00 Rusty Watson, Lisa Sawicki, Neal Bowers, Preston Bowers, Don Myers

Video | Jim Lewis

Visuals | Melinda Morgan

Audio | 8:30 Dan Fleming
11:00 Melinda Morgan