

"Sharing Christ: Love, Hope, Joy"

ORDER OF WORSHIP March 9th, 2025 First Sunday of Lent GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

WELCOME AND GREETING

Please register your attendance by filling out the Connection Card in your program.

OPENING PRAISE SONG

"Lamb of God"

FWS #2113 v.1

GETTING ENGAGED

PRELUDE Charissa Garrigus

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Sourcebook of Worship Resources, vol. 3)

Leader: Lent is a coming home,

People: Home to what really matters,

Leader: Home to a place of acceptance and love,

People: Home to a table of plenty, home from our many journeys,

Leader: Home from bitter defeats and tearing losses, **People: Home to find our center and rest in God,**

Leader: Home to sing praise...

People: to the One who welcomes us home.

*OPENING HYMN "All Are Welcome"+ see insert

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and ever living God, you invite us to connect more deeply with you, your world and your people. May this holy season be one of outward focus; seeking you in those we often ignore and overlook. Help us live a Lent focused on freedom, generosity, and hospitality. Give us hearts hungry to serve you and those who need to know that your table is always open to your beloved children.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 11:17-22

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *GOSPEL READING

"Lord, Have Mercy"

UMH #482 Luke 14·12-24 Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord. **People: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

SERMON "Open Table" Pastor Tracey Leslie

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER HYMN "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

(sung twice) UMH #349

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

in unison (St. Ambrose of Milan)

O Lord, who hast mercy upon all, take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of thy Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore Thee, a heart to delight in Thee, to follow and enjoy Thee, for Christ's sake, Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER
The Lord's Prayer UMH #895

GIVING OF GIFTS TO GOD'S MISSION

Offering Offertory Doxology UMH #95

GO OUT WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN "Make Me a Blessing"+ see insert

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Tracey Leslie

*POSTLUDE Charissa Garrigus

* Please stand as you are able

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Please join us in the Gathering Place (the large open area behind you) for beverages and fellowship following worship.

Free wi-fi: Network: UHUMC-Guest Password: UHUMC4002!



Loose Coins for March will help support the Community Lunch Program.

Donations for March include <u>tissues and fruit cups</u>.

By donating to the Children's Center, you are helping us care for over 65 children.



Congratulations to Bob and Sheila Lambert on the birth of their great granddaughter Cozette Claire Trimnell on February 23, 2025.



UHUMC & SOUND ECOLOGIES PRESENT:

FROM DEATH TO LIFE

MUSIC PERFORMED BY C. GARRIGUS, THE QUARTET COLLECTIVE & REV. TRACEY LESLIE

APRIL 6TH, 2025 @ 4PM

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Today's Participants

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Liturgist: Marylynne Winslow