



## Court Street United Methodist Church

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10 A.M. Worship Service

February 28, 2021

*Second Sunday in Lent*

OPEN HEARTS...OPEN MINDS...OPEN DOORS



### WE GATHER TO BE NURTURED

*Ring of the Bell - Please use this to begin focusing for worship.*

Prelude

“Elegy”

*Samuel Coleridge-Taylor*

The Service of Diminishing Lights

### Call to Worship

*Leader:* Come along with me as a sojourner in faith. Bring along a sense of expectancy, a vision of high hopes, a glimpse of future possibility, a vivid imagination. For God’s creation is not done.

***People:* We are called to pioneer a new future with God. As we venture forward, we leave behind our desires for a no-risk life, worldly accumulations, certainty.**

*Leader:* Let us travel light in the spirit of faith and expectation toward the God of our hopes and dreams.

***All:* Come along together as sojourners in faith, knowing that God goes with us and God is here now!**

Opening Hymn UMH #534

“Be Still, My Soul”

### WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 22:23-31

*Leader:* This is the Word of God for The People of God.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message

*James L. Crow*

New Testament Reading

Romans 4:13-25

*Leader:* This is the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

*People:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

“Walking With God: God’s Future”

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

Musical Witness

“Joy in the Morning”

*Natalie Sleeth*

Performed by Chancel Choir

**Doxology UMH #95**

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

**WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE**

**Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #451**

**“Be Thou My Vision”**

Benediction

God around us,  
God beyond us,  
God in the wilderness,  
God in the garden,  
God on the journey,  
God in our resting,  
God within Lent,  
God beyond seasons,  
God of past, present and future ...  
God goes with us, now and always.

Choral Response

“Christ Be With Me”

*Keveren*

Postlude

“Gift of Finest Wheat”

*Ron Schmoltz*