



Court Street United Methodist Church

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10 A.M. Worship Service

March 7, 2021

Third Sunday in Lent

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



WE GATHER TO BE NURTURED

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

Prelude

“In the Cross of Christ”

John Carter

The Service of Diminishing Lights

Call to Worship

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

***People:* We gather together to sing our praise to God’s glory.**

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

***People:* We gather with open hearts and souls, to receive the comforting presence of the Lord.**

Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

***People:* The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**

***All:* O God, as we gather in gratitude, may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, our rock and our redeemer. To you we lift our voices in praise!**

–Based on Psalm 19.

Opening Hymn

“The Old Rugged Cross”

Juhee Lee, Christine Song, and Kate Kim, Violins

Cheong Moo, Bass Clarinet

Beverly Rathbun, Organ

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 19

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

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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

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

“Walking With God: God's Glory”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Musical Witness

United Methodist Hymnal #159

“Lift High the Cross”

Performed by Alexis Kossike

Doxology UMH #95

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

THE SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

Please partake of your own bread and grape drink
as Pastor Cal delivers The Great Thanksgiving.

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

Hymn of Sending Forth

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Juhee Lee and Christine Song, Violins

Beverly Rathbun, Organ

Benediction

As we go forth from this place on our Lenten journey, let us be mindful that the cross of Christ calls us to rise to our greater selves. Pick up the cross, my friends, and follow faithfully this week in the footsteps of the one who has gone before: the one who is, who was and who forever shall be, Christ our Lord. Amen.

Choral Response

“Just As I Am”

Keveren

Postlude

“Lift High the Cross”

Jeffrey Honoré



- Spring is coming and that means Easter and Mother's Day are too! We hope you will include Scrip in your plans! With thanks for your support, The Scrip Committee.
- Next week we are collecting a special offering for our Apportionment.
- Easter tulip orders are due Friday, March 12th.
- We are collecting a special offering for UMCOR on Sunday, March 21st.