

8:30 SERVICE

Lent

March 29

WELCOMING

*OPENING PRAYER

UMH #69

Glorious God, source of joy and righteousness, enable us as redeemed and forgiven children evermore to rejoice in singing Your praises. Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we may practice with our lives; so that being doers of the Word and not hearers only, we may receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

There is a Balm in Gilead, UMH #375

1. There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain. But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

2. There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend, and if you look for knowledge he'll ne'er refuse to lend.

3. There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. If you can't preach like Peter, if you can't pray like Paul, just tell the love of Jesus, and say he died for all.

YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

CELEBRATING OUR MINISTRIES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Walk Leader Guide Rev Hamilton

Holy and Generous God, we thank You for Your abundant blessings and Your amazing generosity toward us. We stand in awe of Your gifts of overflowing grace, mercy, and love. Open our hearts that we may respond to Your love with generosity toward others. In the name of Your Son Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:14-16

14 *You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can't be hidden. 15* *Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house. 16* *In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven. (Common English Bible)*

Leader: Here ends the reading. Spirit of God, stir up Your people.

People: Thanks be to God.

***CENTERING HYMN**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing, UMH #57

- 1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!*
- 2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all of the earth abroad the honors of thy name.*
- 3. 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.*
- 4. He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free; his blood can made the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.*
- 5. He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.*
- 6. [May be omitted]. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.*
- 7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven; anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.*

MESSAGE

Going Fishing, Reflecting Light - Rev. Mark Johnson

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The UMC Social Creed
The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church - 2016

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.

We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.

We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.

We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons.

We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress.

We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.

We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

Give Thanks TFWS 2036

*Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son
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Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"
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Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"*

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

The Walk Rev Hamilton

Thank You, God, for everything I have. I recognize that all of life is a gift from You. Please help me to become more generous, more willing to share with others. Help me to live beneath my means so that I might have enough margin to give. Help me to be generous toward You and others, remembering Your unending generosity toward me. Amen.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

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.*

*BENEDICTION SONG

Victory in Jesus, UMH #370

1. I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory, how he gave his life on Calvary to save a wretch like me; I heard about his groaning, of his precious blood's atoning, then I repented of my sins and won the victory. O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever! He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood; he loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him; he plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

2. I heard about his healing, of his cleansing power revealing, how he made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see; and then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit," and somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory. O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever! He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood; he loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him; he plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

3. I heard about a mansion he has built for me in glory, and I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea; about the angels singing and the old redemption story, and some sweet day I'll sing up there

the song of victory. O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever! He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood; he loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him; he plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

BENEDICTION