

# March 10, 2024

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(\*\*Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude

"O Worship the King"

Handbell Choir  
Lyon Larson

\*\*Call to Worship

We gather to share in our love of God.

**Lord, open our hearts and let us share your Good News.**

We gather to share our witness to God's goodness.

**Lord, let our lives bear witness through service to your people.**

We gather to praise God whose love is eternal.

**Lord, open our hearts today to sing your praises.**

\*\*Opening Hymn

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" (v.1-3) UMH #340

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Gracious God, lift up our hearts this day, for we long to see your salvation. Lift us up from the darkness, that we may walk in the light of your love and grace. Create us anew as reflections of your light who are called to be extensions of your grace. Encourage us in our worship today and strengthen and clarify our call to share your goodness and grace. Amen.**

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" (v.1-3) UMH #206

Prayers of the Faithful & 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.**

Offering/Offertory

"God Is So Good"

Carol Stewart  
arr. by Joyce Jones

\*\*Doxology

UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

**God of unwavering love, you have held nothing back in your love for us, not even your Son. How we marvel at that kind of love, and how we long to reflect a portion of that devotion back to you. As we dedicate our offerings to you, lead us away from our tendency to hold back and worry that there will not be enough. Help us to live as the people of love and abundance you have called us to be. In Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Ministry of Music

"Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley"

Handbell Choir  
Sandra Eithun

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Sermon

"Intimacy to Call"

Suzanne Bandy

\*\*Closing Hymn

"To God Be the Glory"

UMH #98

\*\*Sending Forth

Postlude

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" Thomas J. Williams/John Innes



*The Altar Flowers are given in appreciation and thanks of our dedicated Office Volunteers who give generously of their time and talents to keep the office running efficiently.*

## Scripture Reading – Ephesians 2:1-10 (CEB)

### Saved from sin to life

**2** At one time you were like a dead person because of the things you did wrong and your offenses against God. **2** You used to live like people of this world. You followed the rule of a destructive spiritual power. This is the spirit of disobedience to God's will that is now at work in persons whose lives are characterized by disobedience. **3** At one time you were like those persons. All of you used to do whatever felt good and whatever you thought you wanted so that you were children headed for punishment just like everyone else.

**4-5** However, God is rich in mercy. He brought us to life with Christ while we were dead as a result of those things that we did wrong. He did this because of the great love that he has for us. You are saved by God's grace! **6** And God raised us up and seated us in the heavens with Christ Jesus. **7** God did this to show future generations the greatness of his grace by the goodness that God has shown us in Christ Jesus.

**8** You are saved by God's grace because of your faith. This salvation is God's gift. It's not something you possessed. **9** It's not something you did that you can be proud of. **10** Instead, we are God's accomplishment, created in Christ Jesus to do good things. God planned for these good things to be the way that we live our lives.

#### WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon. We would love to get to know you, please take a moment to provide your information in the attendance register located in each pew.



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### March 10, 2024 - Worship Team

Guest Speaker	Suzanne Bandy
Ushers	Doug Wickline, Bruce Spitler, Don Wolf, Bob Whipp
Greeters	Jim Osburn, Joyce Osburn
Liturgist	Chad Mossing
Organist	Carol Stewart
Bells Director	Jim McPeek
Choir Director	Melody Kelley



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	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	FH 15 C
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	Magic Volleyball Practice	6:00 pm	FCC
	Girl Scouts Leaders	6:00 pm	FH 15 A
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	Special Olympics Basketball	6:30 pm	FCC
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	Grief Support	2:00 pm	Parlor
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Friday 15	Winter Guard Practice	4:00 pm	FCC
	Private Event	6:00 pm	FH 15 A-B
Saturday 16	Private Event	9:00 am	FH 15A-B, Kitchen
	Proactively Planning Seminar	10:00 am	Rm 16A-B
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### Next Sermon – March 17, 2024

"Mindful to Motivated"  
Scripture Lesson

Rev. Jeff Bandy  
Jeremiah 31: 31-34 (NIV)

### EASTER FLOWERS



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