

March 17, 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 "Love Medley" Carol Stewart
arr. by Lyndell Leatherman

**Call to Worship

The Lord is making a new covenant with the people of God.

Here in this place, Christ writes the law of love on our hearts.

We are children of the living God.

Together, let us worship the Lord of Love!

**Opening Hymn

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" (v.1,3,4) UMH #269

Opening Prayer (unison)

Engraver of the human heart, we long for your law of love to burst forth with every beat of our hearts. Work within us this day, that the majesty of your love may shine through us in everything we say and do. Put a new and right spirit within us, O Lord, that motivates our worship and our lives. Amen.

Children's Moments

Special Prayer Song "Holy Spirit" Francesca Battistelli
Suzanne Bandy, Michaela Skaggs, vocals; Erika Stone, guitar

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

"There's a New Song in My Heart, New Life in Christ" Carol Stewart
John W. Peterson

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

With hearts washed clean and with spirits made new, we celebrate the joy of your salvation, O God. May the tithes and offerings we share reflect your love you have written on our hearts. May these gifts bear the fruit of your Spirit, and may they bless those who need it most. Amen.

Ministry of Music

"God So Loved the World"

Chancel Choir
John Stainer

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon

"Mindful To Motivated"

Pastor Jeff Bandy

**Closing Hymn

"The Gift of Love"

UMH #408

**Sending Forth

Postlude

"Fellowship Medley"

Carol Stewart
arr. by Lyndell Leatherman



*The Altar Flowers are given by the Skaggs family
in memory of Darrell Morris.*

Scripture Reading – Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NIV)

³¹ “The days are coming,” declares the LORD,
“when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.

³² It will not be like the covenant
I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to them,”
declares the LORD.

³³ “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel
after that time,” declares the LORD.

“I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.
I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor,
or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,”
declares the LORD.

“For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.”

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.

Mindful to Motivated



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

March 17, 2024 - Worship Team

Ushers	Doug Wickline, Bruce Spitler, Don Wolf, Bob Whipp
Greeters	Bob Whipp, Pam Whipp
Liturgist	Julie Wickline
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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	Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Sanctuary/Chapel
Thursday 21	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Parlor
	Magic Volleyball Practice	6:00 pm	FCC
	Ad Board Council	6:30 pm	FH 15 C
Friday 22	Winter Guard Practice	4:00 pm	FCC
Saturday 23	Double I	6:00 pm	FH 15A, Kitchen
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SHAWNEE PARK EASTER EGG HUNT: Faith Community has the opportunity to contribute to the Easter Baskets that will be given away at the city wide egg hunt held at Shawnee Park on March 30. About 1,500 children are expected to attend this event with their families. This is a wonderful time for us to share the love of Jesus! If you would like to contribute, please place your items in the basket in the narthex **now through Sunday, Mar. 24**.

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