

Fifth Sunday in Lent, Communion Sunday
April 2, 2017 11:00 am

"God is Spirit, and His worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24)

Prelude "My Jesus, I Love Thee" (arr. Spong) Sandy Griese

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

L: We gather together today in faith.
P: We boldly proclaim that death is not the last word.
L: We gather together in hope.
P: For with God all things are possible.
L: We gather together in love.
P: May God's Spirit blow among us, bringing new life and renewed hope. Amen.

*Opening Hymn "To God Be the Glory" UMH 98

Lighting of the Candles

*Opening Prayer (in unison)
"Come, Holy Spirit. Breathe new life into our lives and our worship. Create new possibilities and send the promise of hope for the future. Expand our hearts and our minds, as we enter Your presence today. Amen."

Anthem "Let All the World In Every Corner Sing" (Martin) Sanctuary Choir

Children's Message

Hymn Response "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (vs. 1&2) UMH 420

Prayer of Confession (in unison)
"God of new life and new possibilities, forgive us when death and despair occupy our focus. Embolden our faith when Your future feels out of reach. Strengthen our courage, that we might come forth into the light and life of Your promises. In hope and trust, we pray. Amen."

Hebrew Scripture Ezekiel 37:1-14 Will Fowler
Gospel Lesson John 11:1-15
L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

*Please rise either in posture or in spirit.

Hymn of Faith "Hymn of Promise" UMH 707

Message "Can These Bones Live?" Rev. Wayne Chung
God acts on His own and brings new life, renewed hope in His time. Life in Spirit is life indeed. "Lazarus! Come out !!"

Giving in Response to God's Love
Offertory "God So Loved the World" (Stainer) Sanctuary Choir

HOLY COMMUNION
The Great Thanksgiving – The Lord's Prayer – Sharing of the Bread and Cup UMH 15-16
Communion Hymns: UMH 469 Jesus Is All the World to Me; 714 I know Whom I Have Believed; 467 Trust and Obey; 620 One Bread, One Body

Pastoral Prayer

*Closing Hymn "He Lives" UMH 310

Sending Forth God's Light and Love

*Hymn Response "Amen" UMH 898

Postlude "March in D" (Handel) Sandy Griese

Lection Reading for Following Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Isaiah 50:4-9 Philippians 2:5-11

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The flowers on the altar today are given by Katrina & Steven Graham
in honor of their daughter Lyla's 3rd birthday

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OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Our Prayers: The Kotoriy Family, Florence Bowles, Elsie Arnold, The Elliott Family following the death of John's father, Sally Lounsbury recovering from surgery, Iva Gene Ward recovering from surgery, Deloras Ward recovering from surgery, Olivia Gammel – friend of Chris Heyer, Sarah Stallings, Jerome Stallings, Shirley Wood, Carl Stallings, Sr., Laura Wise – sister of Donna Nestor, Diana Marshall – niece of Martha Wooldridge, Jack Dorsey, Kathy Wallace, Bill Fowler, Those who travel

Our Presence:
Worship Attendance Last Sunday
250
Average Weekly Attendance
188
Sunday School Attendance Last Sunday
59

Our Gifts: Please strive to tithe! The Bible asks us to tithe 10% of our income to God. Many of our members are doing this already. How about you? You may give your offering electronically (EFT). Call the church office to set it up. *Stewardship is rather a way of life than an annual campaign. Thank You for your faithful stewardship!*

Record of Giving (Funds Received by the Church)

| | January-February 2017 | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|----|----------|---|---------------------|-------|
| | Actual | | Budget | | Surplus / (Deficit) | Var % |
| General Fund | \$70,308 | | \$65,016 | | \$5,292 | 8% |
| Missions Fund | \$3,117 | | \$3,258 | | (\$141) | -4% |
| P&I Fund | \$2,981 | | \$3,000 | | (\$19) | -1% |
| Building Fund | \$12,477 | | \$11,000 | | \$1,477 | 13% |
| Kitchen Fund | \$670 | | \$4,000 | | (\$3,330) | -83% |
| Weekly SCAN Report | Cereal | 24 | Other | 0 | YTD Cereal | 376 |

*Kitchen Fund Balance = \$113,581 as of February 28, 2017

Mortgage Loan Balance = \$501,177 as of February 28, 2017

Service:
Ministers
Secretary
Music Team
Custodian
Counters
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FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, April 2, 2017

11:00 a.m. Worship Service



Our Mission
Our Motto

: “Grow as Disciples, Serve as Friends. Love All; Serve All; Follow One!”
: “Each One, Reach One!”