

Third Sunday in Lent
March 4, 2018 11:00 am

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

Prelude "I Surrender All" (Ritter) Sandy Griese

Welcome and announcements

***Call to Worship**

L: Come with us on this Lenten journey to the Temple.

P: The temple is the great House of the Lord.

L: Lord, meet with us in this place.

P: Give us courage to put aside our ego, greed, and personal agenda.

L: Our hearts are ready to receive God.

P: Guide our steps to follow Jesus to the Cross. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" UMH 152

Lighting of the Candles

***Opening Prayer** (in unison)

"Lord, we come to You this day to worship and honor You and You alone. Open our ears and hearts to hear Your words of life and love. Prepare us to follow Your path of truth, justice, and peace. Amen."

Anthem "These Walls" (Sorensen) Sanctuary Choir

Children's Message

Hymn Response "When Love Is Found" (v. 1) UMH 643

Prayer of Petition (in unison)

"Holy God, we profess to live according to Your commandments, yet we fill our lives in ways that prevent us from doing so. Cleanse and reclaim our hearts, Lord, as You cleansed the Temple. Overturn the tables in our spirit and make each of us Your holy sanctuary. Amen."

Hebrew Scripture Exodus 20: 1-17 Linda Thompson

Gospel Lesson John 2:13-22

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

**Please rise either in posture or in spirit.*

***Hymn of Faith** "Lord of the Dance" UMH 261

Message: "Jesus in the Temple" Rev. Wayne Chung

The first Commandment defines the right human relationship with God-- worship. Jesus is angry and violent as He enters the temple-- a place of worship. What would God say to those who use the church or worship for social, political, or financial advantage? "Stop turning My Father's house into a market place."

Giving in Response to God's Love

Offertory "How Beautiful" (Paris) Sanctuary Choir

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving-The Lords' Prayer-Sharing of the Bread and Cup UMH 15-16
Communion Hymns: UMH 618 Let Us Break Bread Together, 620 One Bread, One Body, 629 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Pastoral Prayer

***Closing Hymn** "How Firm a Foundation" UMH 529

***Sending Forth with God's Blessing**

***Hymn Response** "Amen" UMH 898

Postlude "Epilogue" (Scott) Sandy Griese

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Lection Reading for Following Sunday

Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21

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*The flowers on the altar tables are given by Marge Lewis
in loving memory of Lew*

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OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Our Prayers: Tim Gillikin – recovering from a fall, Jay Lounsbury – upcoming surgery, Linda Vann, Jane Bowman, Cheryl Castner's father – taken to rehab, her niece, and the Castner family, Jay Lounsbury's sister, Ann Curry, Helen McGill, Elizabeth Stinson, Bob & Van King, Tyler Madden, People in transition, Olivia Gammel – friend of Chris Heyer, Sarah Stallings, Jerome Stallings, Shirley Wood, Carl Stallings, Sr, Those who travel, For the healing of the nation.

Our Presence: Worship Attendance Last Sunday 243
 Average Weekly Worship Attendance 199
 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-December 2017					
	Actual	Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)	Var %		
General Fund	\$392,507	\$370,750	\$21,757	6%		
Missions Fund	\$29,227	\$23,000	\$6,227	27%		
P&I Fund	\$19,734	\$18,000	\$1,734	10%		
Building Fund	\$76,955	\$66,000	\$10,955	18%		
Kitchen Fund	\$10,750	\$24,000	(\$13,250)	-55%		
Weekly SCAN Report	Cereal	33	Other	2	YTD Cereal	267

*Kitchen Fund Balance = \$114,571/ Mortgage Loan Balance = \$344,360 as of December 31, 2017

Service:

Ministers All Members and Volunteers at Friendship
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FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, March 4, 2018
 11:00 am Worship Service



Jesus Drives Money Changers From the Temple

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

Our Motto: “Each One, Reach One!”