

Fourth Sunday in Lent, UMCOR Sunday

March 11, 2018 11:00 am

“God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24)

Prelude “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” (arr. Smith) Sandy Griese

Welcome and announcements

***Call to Worship**

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

P: God's steadfast love endures forever.

L: From the very beginning, God poured love into the world.

P: God's power and mercy are poured on us.

L: Come, celebrate the love of God in Christ Jesus!

P: Praise God for the awesome love given to us! Amen.

***Opening Hymn** “To God Be the Glory” **UMH 98**

Lighting of the Candles

***Opening Prayer** (in unison)

“Lord, as we gather here, on this day of sharing, remind us that You have shared with us Your most precious gift, our Lord Christ Jesus. Open our hearts to see the true light and life in Christ. May our lives be gifts to others for healing, hope, peace and love. Amen.”

Anthem “The Wise Man and the Foolish Man” Pre-K – First Grade
“Hallelujah” Grades 2 - 5

Children’s Message

Hymn Response “He Is Lord” (v. 1) **UMH 177**

Lenten Prayer of Confession (in unison)

“Eternal God, send us Your light that we may see Your love. Forgive us when we complain about what we lack rather than celebrating Your sustaining gifts. Heal our vision when we see only the bad in our lives and fail to see the good. Pick us up and put us on the right path to the Cross and beyond. Amen.”

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

Hebrew Scripture **Numbers 21:4-9** Drew Venters
Gospel Lesson **John 3:14-21**
L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Hymn of Faith** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” **UMH 298**

Message: “Jesus Lifted Up” Rev. Wayne Chung
Moses lifts up a bronze snake so that snake-bitten people may get cured. Jesus must be lifted up just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness. Why would Jesus be like a snake? *“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son...”*

Giving in Response to God’s Love

Offertory “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” (arr. Hayes) Sandy Griese

***Doxology** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” **UMH 94**

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

***Closing Hymn** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” **UMH 384**

***Sending Forth with God’s Blessing**

***Hymn Response** “Amen” **UMH 898**

Postlude “Make Me a Captive, Lord” (arr. Turner) Sandy Griese

Lection Reading for Following Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34 **Psalm 51:1-12** **Hebrews 5:5-10** **John 12:20-33**

*The flowers on the altar tables are given by the Piper Family
in memory of Marion Preisler*

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Our Prayers: Tim Gillikin – recovering from a fall, Jay Lounsbury – upcoming surgery, Linda Vann, Jane Bowman, 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.

