

Fifth Sunday in Lent  
**March 18, 2018 11:00 am**

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

**Prelude** “Blessed Jesus” (Walther) Sandy Griese

**Welcome and announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

L: The time is coming and it surely comes.

**P: God will make a new covenant with His people.**

L: Write Your law on our hearts, O God.

**P: Cleanse us, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within us.**

L: The time is coming and now is-- time for worship, time for praise.

**P: Come, praise God for the awesome love given to us! Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn** “Lift High the Cross” **UMH 159**

**Lighting of the Candles**

**\*Opening Prayer** (in unison)

**“Gracious God, write Your name on our hearts. Inspire us with Your love and restore to us the joy of Your salvation. Help us now boldly proclaim the truth that You are our God, and we are Your people. Amen.”**

**Anthem** “There Is a Fountain” (arr. R. Mallory) Handbell Choir

**Children’s Message**

**Hymn Response** “His Name Is Wonderful” **UMH 174**

**Lenten Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

**“Lord, be with us this day as we commit ourselves to being Your disciples. Following Jesus is not always easy, we confess. Forgive us when we falter on this Lenten pathway. Give us confidence and courage to face the future with hope and place our trust in You. Amen.”**

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

**Hebrew Scripture** **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

**Gospel Lesson** **John 12:20-33**

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

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

**\*Hymn of Faith** “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” **UMH 295**

**Message** “The Time Is Coming” Rev. Wayne Chung

The time is coming when God is making a brand-new covenant with His people. What is new about this new covenant? The hour has come for Jesus to be lifted up and draw all people to Himself. *“Follow Me. Come and stay where I am.”*

**Giving in Response to God’s Love**

**Offertory** “Just As I Am” (arr. J.W. Krug) Handbell Choir

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

**Sharing of Joys & Concerns**

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

**\*Closing Hymn** “Here I Am, Lord” **UMH 593**

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

**\*Hymn Response** “Amen” **UMH 898**

**Postlude** “Go Forth in Triumph” (Ritter) Sandy Griese

**Lection Reading for Following Sunday**

**Mark 11:1-11 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16**

**Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39(40-47)**

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*The flowers on the altar tables are given by Bonnie Revell  
in celebration of spring!*

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**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.

<b>Our Presence:</b>	Worship Attendance Last Sunday	197
	Average Weekly Worship Attendance	195
	Sunday School Attendance Last Sunday	62

**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 2018			
	Actual	Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)	Var %
General Fund	\$56,842	\$61,222	(\$4,380)	-7%
Missions Fund	\$2,437	\$3,294	(\$857)	-26%
P&I Fund	\$4,031	\$2,661	\$1,370	51%
Building Fund	\$9,748	\$9,603	\$145	2%
Kitchen Fund	\$4,155	\$1,665	\$2,490	150%
Weekly SCAN Report	Cereal 30	Other 0	YTD Cereal	321

\*Kitchen Fund Balance = \$119,726/ Mortgage Loan Balance = \$332,500 as of February 28, 2018

**Service:**

Ministers	All Members and Volunteers at Friendship
Secretary	Bonnie Dean <a href="mailto:bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org">bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org</a>
Music Team	Sandy Melson Griese, Holly Reynolds Lee, Chrys Hill, Micah Cooley
Children & Youth Ministry Coord.	Courtney Eversfield <a href="mailto:cymc@friendshipmethodist.org">cymc@friendshipmethodist.org</a>
Custodian	Jim Fowler
Counters	Karen Eggert & Chuck Muller
Ushers	John & Dale Wilkerson
Acolytes	Rebecca & Seth Heyer
Altar Guild for March	Van King (410-741-1778)
Friendship Hour	Friendly Connections Zone (Ev Klahr)
Stephen Ministry Coordinator	Paula Madden 443-262-2635 (C)
Pastor	Wayne Chung 443.646.5653 <a href="mailto:leadpastor@friendshipmethodist.org">leadpastor@friendshipmethodist.org</a>

# FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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11:00 am Worship Service



I will put my  
law in their minds &  
write it on their hearts.

Jeremiah 31:33

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

**Our Motto:** “Each One, Reach One!”

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