

LET US WORSHIP GOD

3/19/23

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Centering Music: Played by Barb Mater

* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Where do we find God's presence among us?

P: God calls us to witness extraordinary love in ordinary moments.

L: How does God's presence work among us?

P: God uses the messy and mundane to heal and restore us to one another.

L: What does God's presence do in our midst?

P: God opens us to recognize presence, sustenance, and abundance where the world perceives isolation and lack.

Lenten reading:

Scripture Reading- Luke 10:38-42 "Martha"

Read by Samantha & Aubree Minns

***HYMN:** This is the Day (2 times through) *Red Hymnal #657*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

O God of miracles and mighty deeds, we acknowledge your healing and comforting presence in our lives. We confess that we have been [drawn in] by materialism and driven by consumerism. Open our [hearts] to a new way of being. Send your anointing and grant us fresh insight for spiritual breakthroughs. Shine the light of your truth into our relationships and grant us victory over every secret and shame. We thank you in advance for healings and renewals in our lives. In the name of Jesus, we pray.

(silent personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI(unison) SEE INSERT

CHILDREN'S TIME: Pastor Leigh

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and

knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

MESSAGE: We are Not Blind, are We?

***HYMN:** Amazing Grace *Red Hymnal #378*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the Church of Jesus Christ; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the Church and must be resisted.

We believe that this unity can be established only in freedom and not under constraint; that the variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, convictions, as well as the various languages and cultures, are by virtue of the reconciliation in Christ, opportunities for mutual service and enrichment within the one visible people of God; That true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this Church. Amen

OFFERING

Doxology (unison) SEE INSERT

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Generous God, you tenderly care for each person you have created. You miraculously restore people to health and shine light into the lives of those who are discouraged. Guide us so that we will not regard others according to outward appearances but seek to find your love in their hearts. We dedicate our offerings and ourselves to contribute to the work of your kingdom on earth until Christ returns in glory. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN:** Take Time to Be Holy *Red Hymnal #395*

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

Departing Music: Played by Barb Mater

****Please Stand if Able***

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

BLAST meets Sunday mornings during worship, **EXCEPT** communion Sunday. (UPK-5th/6th)

March 22,29 Wednesdays: Soup & Service @ 6PM in the Lounge

March 25th:There will be an Easter Hat decorating class from 2-3:30. Cost is \$7 (\$3 if you supply your own hat)Call the office to sign up. (In need of items to add to hats)

March 30th : There will be a Worship Meeting @6:30.

If there is anyone interested in becoming an Acolyte, please contact Donna Crouse @ 315-694-2515 Or Rose Copper-Brown @ 315-719-4292

Remember to give thanks to the Lord for bringing Pastor Leigh to our church

OFFICE HOURS:

MON-THURS. 8:30-2PM

Closed from 12-12:30

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Love never dies a natural death. It dies because we don't know how to replenish its source. It dies of blindness and errors and betrayals. It dies of illness and wounds; it dies of weariness, of withering's, of tarnishing's.

Anais Nin

Now as of old the gods give men all good things, excepting only those that are baneful and injurious and useless. These, now as of old, are not gifts of the gods: men stumble into them themselves because of their own blindness and folly.

Democritus