



## Order of Worship - March 26, 2023 Fifth Sunday of Lent

*Welcome! We are glad you are worshiping with us today! We invite you to mask or unmask, as you are most comfortable.*

### Prelude

### Welcome

### Choral Call to Worship

Aldersgate Choir

### \*Opening Prayer

Worship Leader: Logan Alley

Leader: If it had not been God who was on our side,

**People: the troubles of our world would have swallowed us whole.**

Leader: If it had not been God who was on our side,

**People: the sorrows of our times would have swept us away.**

Leader: Are any among us suffering?

**People: Come and pray.**

Leader: Are any among us cheerful?

**People: Come sing songs of praise.**

Leader: Are any among us sick?

**People: Come and ask for healing.**

Leader: Our help is in our God,

**People: the One who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: Call upon God, creator and rescuer.

**Together: God is on our side.**

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### \*Hymn

*We Walk by Faith*

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**Storytime with Children** *(Following this, children ages 5-10 may leave for Sunday school.)*

### Prayer for Illumination

**Mighty God, you spoke to your people in the pillar of cloud as they walked together in the wilderness. Speak to us through your Word today, that we may hear you calling us out of the wilderness places in our lives and into new places you have promised to show us. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

*written by Amy Loving, and posted on The Worship Closet. <http://worshipcloset.com/words-for-worship>*

### Scripture Reading

Mark 9:14-29

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For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us. **Thanks be to God.**

### \*Hymn

*Thy Word Is a Lamp*

UMH #601

### Sermon

Reverend Kent

How much longer must I be among you? How much longer must I put up with you?

### Call to Prayer

*Open Our Eyes*

TFWS #2086

### Prayers of the People

### Lord's Prayer

UMH #895

### Offering

Financial offerings can be placed in the offering box in the back, the basket in the front, before or after the service, mailed to the church office, made online at [www.uumcp.org/electronic-giving](http://www.uumcp.org/electronic-giving), or by texting an amount you want to give to: 301-364-9236

\*We rise in body or spirit.

by Ruth E. Schram

UMH #95

## Opportunities to Serve

## Postlude

