



Order of Worship - February 20, 2022

We are glad you are worshipping with us today! As a part of our commitment to care for the vulnerable among us, we are asking everyone to continue to wear a mask (during hymns, too).

Prelude	<i>Like a River Glorious</i> UUMC Bell Ringers	arr. H. Starks
Welcome		
Musical Call to Worship	<i>Hyfrydol</i> UUMC Bell Ringers	arr. C. Maggs
*Opening Prayer	<p>Open unto me, light for my darkness Open unto me, courage for my fear Open unto me, hope for my despair Open unto me, peace for my turmoil Open unto me, joy for my sorrow Open unto me, strength for my weakness Open unto me, wisdom for my confusion Open unto me, forgiveness for my sins Open unto me, tenderness for my toughness Open unto me, love for my hates Open unto me, Thy Self for myself Lord, Lord, open unto me!</p> <p>(from Howard Thurman, "Meditations of the Heart")</p>	
*Hymn	<i>My Lord What a Morning</i>	UMH #719
*Prayer for Illumination	<p>Pour out your Spirit upon us, O God; with your Word enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we might live in hope; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.</p>	
Scripture Reading	2 Corinthians 1:3-11	NT #179
	<p>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.</p>	
*Hymn	<i>Steal Away</i>	UMH #704
Sermon	<i>Find Your Sanctuary...After Loss</i>	Minister Kent Roberson
Choral Call to Prayer		
Prayers of the People		
Lord's Prayer		UMH #895
Offering	<p>Financial offerings can be placed in the offering box, mailed to the church office, made online at www.uumcp.org/electronic-giving, or by texting an amount you want to give to: 301-364-9236</p>	

**We rise in body or spirit.*

Special Music

My Soul Is a Witness
Aldersgate Choir

arr. P. McIntyre

*Doxology

UMH #94

Opportunities to Serve

*Closing Hymn

Soon and Very Soon

UMH #706

*Benediction

Postlude

Dana Scott

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Finding Our Way Out of Darkness - A Black Excellence Program You won't want to miss this inspirational concert next Sunday, February 27 at 3:00. Millicent Scarlett, Dana Scott, Donna Southwood-Smith, John Gauthier, our UUMC Aldersgate Choir, and many others will share their talents as they present a variety of music to honor and celebrate Black History Month. Please come...and bring your friends! A free will offering will be accepted. Masks are required. If you would like to advertise this special event, flyers may be picked up in the sanctuary lobby.

Ash Wednesday Lent is a time of repentance and preparation for the coming of Easter, and a time of self-examination and reflection. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday (March 2). You are invited to come to church and experience individual prayer and meditation on Ash Wednesday. Prayer stations which will be located in the sanctuary. They will be available between 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 - 1:30.

Your Giving Statement Thank you to Craig Lasher who has prepared your giving statements for 2021. Please find yours on a table in the long hallway. If you have any questions, please contact Craig at: clasher@pai.org

Black History Month Film Festival Join us today at 4 p.m. for our final Black History Month Film Festival discussion about *Just Mercy*. If you need the Zoom link, please let Pastor Michelle know this morning.

Sermon Series Today we continue our worship series centered on "sanctuary". The word sanctuary means a sacred or holy place, or a place of refuge or safety. We refer to the room in the church where we worship as a sanctuary, but really, your sanctuary can happen in any moment wherever you are. For the month of February we invite you to find your sanctuary - your sacred place of refuge in your life, for 5 minutes each day.

For Your Calendar

- February 20 Disciples' Path Class 9:15 a.m.
Bell Ringers rehearsal; 9:20 a.m.
Loaves and Fishes Community Meal; 1:00
Black History Month Film Festival, *Just Mercy*, 4:00 p.m.
- February 21 Presidents' Day; Church Office Closed
- February 27 Children's Sunday school during church
Finding Our Way Out of Darkness Concert - 3:00 p.m.
- March 2 Ash Wednesday Prayer stations; Beginning of Lent
- March 6 Disciples' Path Class 9:15 a.m.
Celebration of Communion
Bell Ringers rehearsal following worship

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 Dana Scott, Organist/Pianist
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UUMC Staff

Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship, in-person in the Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Fellowship

Wednesday Zoom Prayer Call, 12:00 p.m.

Thursday Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.

Send Prayer Requests: office@uumcp.org

For more info and other events, visit www.uumcp.org or follow us on Facebook!

