



Order of Worship - March 20, 2022 Third Sunday in Lent

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.

Prelude Dana Scott

Welcome

Choral Call to Worship

*Opening Prayer Worship Leader: Aerial Belk

Holy One, Our Balm, Our Feast
we lift our hands and call your name,
in need of healing—thirsting and hungry.
Your steadfast love is better than life.
Open us this day to your nourishment
In the songs of the land, in the beauty of the sky—
in the simple and good enough moments that fill our days. Amen.

*Hymn *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* UMH #121

*Prayer for Illumination
Gracious God, You are our way in the wilderness. May your Word guide us through these forty days of Lent so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed. Amen

Scripture Reading Luke 13:1-9 NT p.76
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 *Just As I Am, Without One Plea* vv. 1 and 2 UMH #357

Sermon *Lots of Things Can Be Medicine* Pastor Michelle

Choral Call to Prayer

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer UMH #895

Offering
Financial offerings can be placed in the basket by the baptismal font before or after service, 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

Special Music *Amazing Love* by Lloyd Larson
Aldersgate Choir

*Doxology (sung to the tune of Old 100th, UMH #95)
Praise God throughout these forty days,
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts God's love
In Christ into our hearts. Amen.

Opportunities to Serve

**We rise in body or spirit*

*Benediction

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sermon Series Life is both incredibly hard and incredibly beautiful, and we can hold onto both at the same time. A deeper, more authentic faith begins with telling the truth to ourselves and finding the space between despair and hope, as we look for beauty and meaning and love in the midst of lives that didn't turn out how we thought that they would. The themes for this series follow:

March 27 - We Often Believe We Are the Problem

April 3 - We Are Fragile

April 10 - The Aldersgate Choir presents "Oh Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Prayer Stations for Lent You are invited into a time of personal prayer and meditation as you engage with prayer stations - created to enrich your Lenten journey. You may come on March 23 and April 6 from 8:00- 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Different stations will be offered each date.

Food for UMD Students The Terp Hub meets for dinner church. On April 4th, we will be providing their meal. If you are able to provide food, let the church office know.

Celebrate Women! March is National Women's History Month. Join us as we gather on Zoom on March 27 at 4:00, to discuss movies centered around women's lives. Please watch one or more of the following: "The Iron Lady", "Secret Life of Bees", "Hidden Figures", and "The Help".

Easter Sunday Would you like to help beautify our sanctuary for Easter? You may purchase flowers, using the form in the narthex. Also, we need people to bring Easter eggs filled with a toy or treat for our Easter egg hunt, which will be held after our worship on Easter Sunday. If you would like to help with the hunt, please contact the church office.

Finding Our Way Out of Darkness - A Black Excellence Program Many of you were blessed to be here for our special music concert in February. If you missed it, want to enjoy the concert again, or share it with others, it is now posted on our website: uumcp.org. (It's under the worship link.)

For Your Calendar

March 23 Prayer Stations; 8 - 10:00 a.m., 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

March 27 Children's Sunday School during church

Bell Ringers rehearsal after worship

Women's Month Movie discussion; 4:00 on Zoom

April 3 Disciples' Path Class 9:15 a.m.

Celebration of Communion

Bell Ringers rehearsal following worship

April 6 Prayer Stations; 8 - 10:00 a.m., 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

April 10 Palm Sunday; Choir presents "Oh Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"; Bell Choir rehearsal following worship

April 14 Maundy Thursday; Online service from church cluster

April 15 Good Friday in person service; 7:00 p.m.

April 17. Easter Sunday Celebration 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship and Easter egg hunt following the service

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!

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