

WELCOME TO LAKESIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors
Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2018

10:50 AM

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome/Passing of the Peace

Prelude *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

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***Call to Worship** (*Read Responsively*)

Kylie Lovelace

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let those redeemed by the Lord say:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

When we cried out to God in our distress,

God saved us in our hour of need.

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

***Processional Hymn** *Maker, In Whom We Live*

UMH 88

***Opening Prayer** (*In Unison*)

Fatima Jordan

God of light and love, shine upon your people this day.

Meet us in our brokenness, and heal our errant ways.

Take from us our spirit of disobedience, and save us with your grace.

Lead us into your truth, that we may live as children of light,

and act as children of the Most High. Amen.

***Prayers of Confession, Assurance and Pardon** (*In Unison*) (Num. 21, Ps. 107, John 3)

**God of poisonous snakes and deadly crosses,
your ways can be terrible to behold.**

**When we complain about what we lack,
rather than celebrating your sustaining gifts, forgive us.**

**When we see only the bad in our lives,
and fail to see the good, heal our vision.**

**When we act as disobedient children,
and turn away from your light,
save us with your unfailing grace.**

In Christ's holy name, we pray. (Silent Prayer)

Words of Assurance

(John 3)

God sent the Human One into the world,
not to condemn it, but to save it.

The One who brings us light

saves us from our destructive ways, and leads us into life.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

Children's Message

Morgan Yeatts

Anthem

God So Loved the World

Stainer

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

New Testament Reading

John 3: 14-21

Kylie Lovelace

***Hymn of Preparation**

When I Survey This Wondrous Cross

UMH 298

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 2: 1-10

Chris White

Sermon

Use It or Lose It

Chris White

Prayers of the People (*Sharing our Praises and Prayers*)

Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

Offertory

For You Alone

Rhodes

Kathleen Nuckols, Soloist

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Offertory Prayer** (*In Unison*)

Kylie Lovelace

God of light and love, shine through our offerings this day. May they bring light to the darkness and help lead others from death into life. Transform these gifts into your glory, that they may reflect the joy of your saving grace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

***Hymn of Dedication**

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

UMH 294

***Benediction**

Chris White

***Benediction Response**

Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

Held

*** Asterisk indicates to please stand as you are able.**

Welcome to Lakeside United Methodist Church! We are blessed to have you with us in worship today. This congregation is open to all who seek to worship, serve and grow in the Christ. Regardless of the endless ways in which the world seeks to divide human beings, Lakeside UMC is a warm and welcoming community of believers. We believe that church is the place where imperfect people can come together to wrestle with faith, ask hard questions and even express our doubts as we trust in God's grace to sustain us. If this sounds like the kind of church that you might like to be a part of, we encourage you to speak with our Pastor Mark Rooks. He can be reached by phone 804.266.7016 or by the email address below.

We are glad you are here! We invite all worshipers to sign the Friendship Pad that is at the end of each pew and pass it down your row. Notice who shares your row and make them welcome.

The **Flowers** on the **Welcome Table** today are given to the glory of God by Grace Mimbe in celebration of the birthdays of her grandchildren: Mark-Emmanuel & Grace-Esther Bezon.

The **Flowers** on the **Altar** today are given to the glory of God by Bernie & Linda Pomfrey in honor of LUMC's new Administrative Assistant, Deborah Smiley.

Participating in worship today: Lay Reader: Girl Scouts; **Greeters:** Brenda & Ned Custis and Mickey Barlow; **Sound:** Mark Gillis.

Hearing devices are available (special loops for hearing aids). Large print bulletins are located on the Welcome Center. All **bold type** indicates congregational participation. As we worship, we are using the red hymnal and the black book. We do ask that you turn off all electronic equipment, including cell phones, as a courtesy to others. Nursery care for infants-preschoolers is available at the 10:50 AM Service, in the educational wing. Please see an usher for assistance.

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