

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* UMH 526

*Responsive Benediction

Leader: May the Lord bless you, protect you from all evil, and bring you to everlasting life.

People: Amen.

*Benediction Chorus

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (vs. 4) UMH 126

Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory;
Let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
To God all praise and glory.

*Postlude

**=We invite you to please stand, as you are able.*

- **May We Pray with You?** Prayer Partners are available after the service to encourage and pray with you. They will be waiting at the front pew.
- **Altar Flowers** Given for the glory of God by Vicki Nelson in memory of Marvin Nelson.

Order of Worship

March 8, 2015

8:30 a.m. Traditional Service

Third Sunday of Lent

WE COME TOGETHER AS THE FAMILY OF CHRIST

Welcome & Greeting

Rev. Michael Burkett

*Opening Chorus

Curt Timmons

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (vs. 1) UMH 126

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.

*We Proclaim Our Mission

Linda Blue

Leader: Who are we?

All: People of God, learning to follow Jesus, inviting others to join the journey.

*Lenten Cross Litany (Unison)

On this third Sunday of Lent, we look for Jesus; We listen for Jesus; and we long for God's spirit to create in us a clean heart. We extinguish three candles and proclaim God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Keep us faithful, O God.

(Sing and extinguish three candles)

O How He Loves You and Me (vs. 1) TFWS 2108

O how he loves you and me! O how he loves you and me!
He gave his life. What more could he give?
O how he loves you; O how he loves me;
O how he loves you and me!

*Opening Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign

UMH 157

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Come to the Water -arr. Anna Laura Page

Come to the water, come refresh your spirit; come, find the righteousness of God. Come, Holy Spirit, come work within us, renew our hearts forevermore.

Gracious Redeemer, how we long for grace divine; come, wash us with Your renewing power. We long for Your touch, we long for Your peace. Empower us, O Holy Lord.

Born through the water and the Holy Spirit, we come in faith to proclaim Your word. Gracious Redeemer, strengthen our being, make us disciples of Your grace.

Thank you, O Father; guide us to Your will divine. Help us to be the hands of Christ. Guide us, O Father, give us the courage to walk the way that leads to You. Amen.

(The choir may disperse as needed)

WE LISTEN FOR AND RECEIVE GOD'S WORD TO US

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:13-18

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer

God, you are light in a broken, confused world. Call us to you. Open our eyes to see you. Teach us to love you and our neighbors. Then, send us into a new life lived for you. Amen.

The Message

He Reveals

Rev. Michael Burkett

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS WITH JOY

*Hymn *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* UMH 500

*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* UMH 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

Our Life Together

*Please register your attendance in the registration card provided
and place it in the offering plate.*

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Charlotte Teel

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Dedication of Tithes and Offering

Offertory

Wonderful Words of Life

Logan Walker

*Doxology

UMH 95

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.