



*a growing faith community*

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

**Equipping people for a growing relationship  
with Jesus Christ to serve all.**

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**WE WELCOME YOU!**

Thank you for worshiping with us today. We're glad you're here!  
Please be sure to sign our Ritual of Friendship books, located  
at the end of the pew.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

If you have a gratitude you wish to share, a prayer concern, or would  
like to request a pastoral visit, please complete the appropriate card  
found in the pews and place it in the offering plate.

**CHILD CARE**

At the 8:30AM and 10:00AM worship services child care is provided in  
the Nursery (Room 208) for Infants thru Preschoolers, and at 11:00AM  
for Infants through Toddlers. At the 11:00AM worship service  
Pre-Schoolers through Kindergartners are invited to Playful Praise  
in Room 102 following the Children's Time.

**COFFEE HOUR IN FRIENDSHIP HALL**

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following the 8:30AM worship  
service for coffee and snacks. The 6th / 7th Grade Sunday School  
class is our host today, and they look forward to serving you.

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Rev. Eun-Hye Choi, Lead Pastor  
Rev. Sherry Steele, Minister of Faith Formation  
Roger Beitzel, Youth Director

**Sunday Worship Services:**

8:30a Traditional Worship with Chancel Choir  
9:45a Sunday School for all ages and Confirmation  
10:00a Communion Service  
11:00a Contemporary Worship with Worship Band

Beth Best, Director, Chancel Choir  
Megan Marconi / Tim Scates, Co-Directors, Worship Band  
Kelly Markwell, Director, Bellissimo  
Karyn Holstead, Director, Jr. Choir  
Kathleen Hermansen, Organist

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*“Living in the Light of the Cross”*

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**MARCH 11, 2018**  
**8:30AM**

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 11, 2018

**8:30AM**

*\*Indicates congregation stands / bold type indicates to read in unison*

*UMH indicates the United Methodist (hardcover) Hymnal*

*TFWS indicates "The Faith We Sing" (soft-cover) Hymnal*

**PRELUDE** "These Holy Mysteries" - Wilson

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHORAL INTROIT

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

On this beautiful day, look up and look out –

**See the people yearning for meaning, hungering for truth, searching for God.**

Look up and look within –

**See the hurt within us that longs to be healed; see the sin that begs for forgiveness; see the emptiness waiting to be filled with love.**

Look up and look deep –

**See Christ with arms opened wide, eyes filled with love, with our name on his lips.**

Look up and sing –

**Sing of God's love, revealed on the cross, that welcomes us and welcomes all.**

\*HYMN "Lift High the Cross" UMH #159

### \*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

**Father God, Mother God, you call us to this place. A place where we meet kindred spirits and call them friends. A place where we sense something bigger than ourselves and name it Mystery. A place where we feel loved and welcomed and call it home. Here and now, help us to let go of worry and anxiety. Help us to open ourselves to your gentle hand that will hold us in love and lead us to real life. Amen.**

### \*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE AND LOVE

The Peace of the Lord be with you

**And also with you**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

MickeySue Traver

TFWS #2233 "Where Children Belong"

*This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.*

**CHORAL ANTHEM** "Welcome Home" - Mary McDonald  
(from Jesus Shall Reign cantata)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (on screen)

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Ephesians 2:1-10

\***GOSPEL LESSON** John 3:14-21

**SERMON** "Living in the Light of the Cross" Roger Beitzel

**HYMN OF MEDITATION** "I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light"  
UMH #206

## WORSHIP IN TITHES AND OFFERING

Offertory "Breathe" - Barnett/Hakes / Bellissimo Ringers Bell Choir

\*Doxology (on screen)

\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**Thank you, Lord, for showing your love and grace to us. What we have seen and felt in our own lives we now want to share with those who have not seen and do not know. We return these gifts and ask you to bless them, to show and share your love throughout the world. Amen.**

\***CLOSING HYMN** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" UMH #297

## \*BENEDICTION

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**POSTLUDE** "G Minor" - Krieger

Bible Reader: Kyle Schick