

*Glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.*

## **GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Joel 2)

Leader: Blow the trumpet; sound the alarm! Let all people tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming.

**People: Here we gather to sanctify a fast.**

Leader: Return to the Lord, your God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

**People: May we return to the Lord with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**HYMN**

*God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us*

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## **HEARING THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-2

**MUSICAL REFLECTION**

*To Dust*

Karen Marrolli

Katia, accompanist

**SCRIPTURE READING**

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

**SERMON**

"The Wisdom of Ashes"

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

## **RESPONDING IN FAITH**

**INVITATION TO OBSERVE A HOLY LENT**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 51

## LITANY OF PENITENCE

Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another,  
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,  
that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us.  
We have not been true to the mind of Christ.  
We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness.  
For the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

**have mercy on us, O God.**

For our self-indulgent appetites and ways and our exploitation of other people,  
**have mercy on us, O God.**

For our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,  
**have mercy on us, O God.**

For our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,  
**have mercy on us, O God.**

For our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,  
**have mercy on us, O God.**

Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done.  
For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,  
**have mercy on us, O God.**

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,  
and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,  
**have mercy on us, O God.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack of concern for those who come after us,  
**have mercy on us, O God.**

Restore us, O God of our salvation, and show us your steadfast love.

**Turn to us in your mercy and redeem us.**

## IMPOSITION OF ASHES

## HYMN OF MEDITATION

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

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AMAZING GRACE

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord,**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .  
. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty, . . . Great is the mystery of faith;

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Gracious God . . . with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All believers of Jesus Christ, young and old, are invited to receive.  
Please wait and we will eat and drink together.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself.  
Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and  
serve one another in holy love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SENDING

## HYMN OF DEDICATION

*Lead On, O King Eternal!*

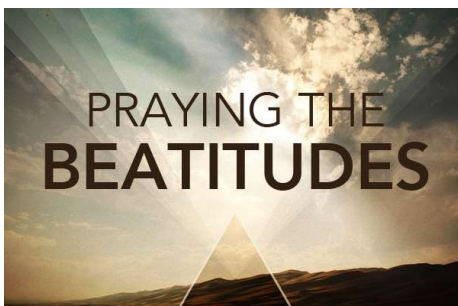
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## CHARGE

**We will glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.**

## BENEDICTION

*Choral Amen*



Pastor Ken will begin a new midweek devotion, ***Praying the Beatitudes***, Wednesday, March 9. Jesus began his Sermon on the Mount with these provocative and comforting statements of blessing. In many ways, the *Sermon on the Mount* is a disciple's training manual. What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus in these chaotic and anxious times? How might praying the beatitudes form and shape our faith and faithfulness? Each Wednesday a new video offering will be posted to the church's Facebook page and YouTube channel. If you like the Facebook page and/or follow the YouTube channel you will get notice when they have been uploaded. Join us and spread the word! Perhaps someone who is not part of our church might be interested!

### Our thanks to musicians in worship!

David Pierce, Director of Music

Caroline Busselberg, vocals  
Mary Marxer, vocals  
Patti Sloey, vocals  
Kyle Feather, vocals  
Jeremy Rohwer, vocals  
Brian Hotchkiss, vocals

Natasha Wroblewski, vocals  
Jessica Stottlemeyer, vocals  
Shanae Kemp, vocals  
Malcolm Payne, vocals  
Rich Lewis, vocals  
Katia Dinas, pianist



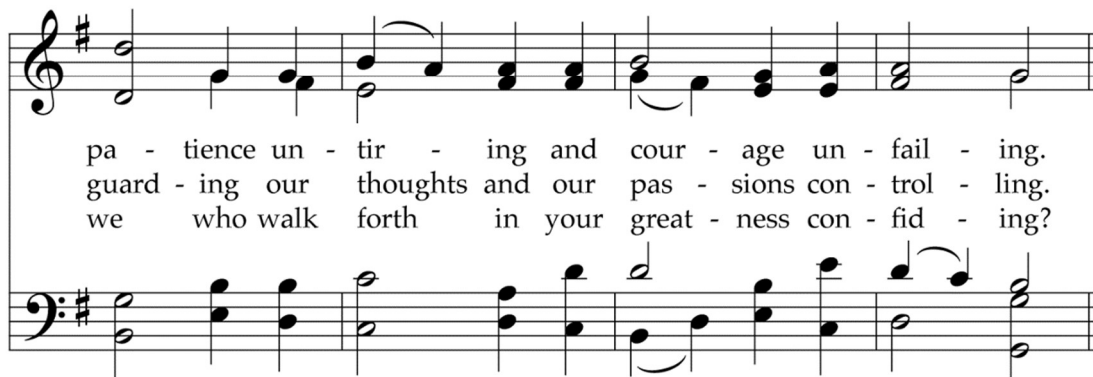
1 God of com - pas - sion, in mer - cy be - friend us,  
 2 Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us,  
 3 How shall we stray, with your hand to di - rect us,



giv - er of grace for our needs all - a - vail - ing.  
 stilled our rude hearts with your word of con - sol - ing.  
 you who the stars in their cours - es are guid - ing?



Wis - dom and strength for each day ev - er send us,  
 Wrap now your peace, like a man - tle, a - round us,  
 What shall we fear, with your power to pro - tect us,



pa - tience un - tir - ing and cour - age un - fail - ing.  
 guard - ing our thoughts and our pas - sions con - trol - ling.  
 we who walk forth in your great - ness con - fid - ing?

### The FUPC Staff is here for you!

Pastor Ken, Brenda Swindle, and David Pierce are in their "Work from Home" offices and ready to assist. Ken and Brenda are checking the mail box daily to receive your notes or checks. They are also receiving your emails and calls with any questions or concerns.

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1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;  
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents shall be our home.  
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;  
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears;

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong,  
for not with swords' loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums;  
your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light.

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.  
with deeds of love and mer - cy the heaven-ly king-dom comes.  
The crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!



## **The Session**

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie, Moderator of Session  
Rich Lewis, Treasurer

### **Class of 2022**

Kathleen Ferguson, W&M  
\*Debbie Menefee, CL  
\*Katie Miller, CE and Finance  
\*Tracy Tiemann, B&G

### **Class of 2023**

Courtland Lewis, O&E  
\*Patti Sloey, Finance  
Brenda Burkham, CL

### **Class of 2024**

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Nancy Smith



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