

Christ-Centered. Engaged in Community. Sharing God's Love. Worship for March 17, 2024 5th Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Andante Tranquillo from Sonata #3 Narmina Aliyeva

F. Mendelssohn

Passing of the Peace*

Rev. Lou Seipel

Call to Worship*

*Rise in body or spirit

Why are you here?

I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind, with a fire burning in my bones.

I see it! You are in the right place!

This is God's house, and the door is open for you.

Why are you here?

I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind, with a fire burning in my bones.

We see it. The door of God's house is open to you.

May God's grace guide us as we worship here.

Opening Hymn*

I Come with Joy

UMH #617, verses 1, 4, 5

I come with joy to meet my Lord, Forgiven, loved and free, In awe and wonder to recall His life laid down for me, His life laid down for me.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near, Is in such friendship better known; We see and praise him here, We see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, We'll go our different ways, And as his people in the world, We'll live and speak his praise, We'll live and speak his praise.

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Children's Message

Rev. Lou Seipel

After the conclusion of today's Children's Moments, children 4 years old- 3^{rd} grade are invited to attend Children's Church in South Fellowship Hall until the end of the worship service.

Special Music

Ring Praise, O My Soul Jubilee Ringers Margaret R. Tucker

Rev. Dom Short Mejia

Collection of Prayer Cards

Season of Prayer Silent Prayer

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Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Grace

Holy God, we long to be lifelong learners. We long to approach you with curiosity and an open mind. Instead, we often live as if we know best. Like Peter – who was brave enough to ask, "How many times should I forgive?" – make us brave. Spark a desire in us to learn, and may our curiosity carry our faith into deeper waters. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Prayer Response Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH #400, verse 1

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,

Tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of thy redeeming love.

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Rev. Dom Short Mejia

Offering of Ministry and Gifts

How Deep the Father's Love for Us Tim Berridge & Friends

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Doxology*

Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow

UMH #94

Offertory Prayer*

Offertory Music

Everlasting God, because of your tender mercy toward all people, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross, that all should follow the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of his patience and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Gospel Reading* Matthew 18:15-22 Rev. Dom Short Mejia

Sermon "Teach Me" Rev. Lou Seipel

Closing Hymn* Come, We That Love the Lord UMH#732, verses 1, 2, 4

Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known; Join in a song with sweet accord, And thus surround the throne.

Let those refuse to sing Who never knew our God; But children of the heavenly King May speak their joys abroad.

Then let our songs abound, And every tear be dry; We're marching through Emmanuel's ground, To fairer worlds on high.

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Benediction* Rev. Lou Seipel

Beloved wanderer, as you leave this place, may you carry your curious heart on your sleeve. May you look for God in every face. May you find the courage to get out of the boat, to run to the tomb, and to speak of your faith. And when the world falls apart, may you hear God's voice deep within, saying, "Take heart, it is I, be not afraid." You are called. You are blessed. In both your ups and your downs, you always belong to God. Go now in peace. Go trusting that good news. Amen.

Vivace from Four Sketches op.58 Narmina Aliyeva R. Schumann

Announcements

<u>Altar Flowers</u>: Our altar flowers are provided by someone who wants to say "Spring is Here! and Happy St. Patrick's Day 1970".

<u>Livestreamed Service</u>: The 10 am service is being livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

<u>Events today</u>: Early service, 9am • Lenten Small Group, 9am • Regular service, 10am • Hospitality, 11am • Jubilee Ringers, 11:30am • Easter Egg Hunt & Potluck, 4pm • Columbus Rings, 6pm • Impact, 6pm

Weekly Offering (electronically): Go to https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z2ZG/home

<u>VBS Fundraiser</u>: Please fill your M&M tubes with quarters and return them to the church office at Easter. All donations collected from this fundraiser will be used towards Vacation Bible School this summer!

<u>WUMC Easter Egg Hunt</u>: Come join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck today at 4pm. We will have the Easter Egg Hunt, some outdoor games, followed by dinner at 5pm in South Fellowship Hall. The church provides pulled pork and mac & cheese, you are invited to bring a side dish or dessert!

<u>Holy Week Morning Praise and Prayer</u>: We hope that you will join us in our morning order of Praise and Prayer. Monday-Saturday, March 25-30, at 7:30am in the Dixon Lounge. Pastor Dom will lead a brief (15-minute) service of prayer, silence, and scripture reading each day of Holy Week. A copy of the daily prayers and praise can be sent to those who wish to participate at home.

<u>Homebound Easter Bags</u>: Deliveries start today. If you have volunteered to make Homebound visits, please pick up your designated bags in the church lobby today after the 10 am service.

<u>Election Day Hospitality</u>: Ohio's Primary Election Day is this Tuesday March 19. WUMC traditionally provides free refreshments for voters and poll workers. Eleanor Meekins is organizing this Hospitality Event, and she is looking for volunteers to bring cookies and/or to staff the refreshment tables. More information will be in the E-Blast. Please contact Eleanor at: <u>EleanorBMeekins@aol.com</u> if you can help.

<u>Brass Band of Columbus (BBC)-Salvation Army joint concert</u>: Come enjoy an evening of music at a free concert in the Sanctuary on Saturday, March 23 at 7pm. The Salvation Army band from Asbury University in Kentucky will ioin with BBC in their God and Country Concert.

<u>Next Week's Lectionary</u>: Mark 11:1-11; Psalms 118:1-2,19-29; Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalms 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15 or Mark 15:1-39

<u>Keep us in the loop!</u> Please contact our pastors with pastoral concerns, including hospitalizations, births and deaths. Contact Dom at <u>dominic@worthingtonumc.com</u> or Lou at <u>lou@worthingtonumc.com</u>

<u>Greeters</u>: Laurie & Tim Moats, Meg Birmingham, Debby & Jerry Colvin, Jo Donham, Paul George <u>Ushers</u>: Diane Meadows, Sally Falk, Nancy Endroi, Rob Kidder, Barb McCarthy, Linda Meyers <u>Audio & Visual Team</u>: Brian Wingerter, Jessica Sapp, Kent Koch, Ken MacFarlane, Craig Kramer

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