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Sunday Service

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Whoever Serves

5th Sunday of Lent – Depths of Love Worship Series



Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

**** P - Pastor. Bold - C: Congregation responds ****

P: Lenten travelers, how long have you traveled this road with your gaze pointed down at the dust and gravel and asphalt as you walk or limp or roll down the path?

C: Sometimes it is easier to look at the road than at the people who share the journey with us.

P: Lift up your heads! Look, listen, reach out a hand. Who are your neighbors on this road?

C: We lift our heads and look to our Savior who journeys with us and helps us notice our neighbors all around us.

P: This is the Lenten journey—to learn to love God and love our neighbors just as Jesus showed us.

C: Our journey teaches us to lose our lives to God as we find and follow Christ in our service to others.

P: Come, let us worship God who caravans with us on this road to the cross.

C: Come, let us worship. Amen!

Our Statement of Faith – The Apostles Creed p. 881 UMH

**** All to recite in unison ****

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.

The Gloria Patri p. 70 UMH

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.

Opening Hymn – Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine p. 369 UMH

Sharing Our Praises & Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer - (prayed in unison)

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!

Offering - Ushers come forward

Doxology p. 95 UMH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen, Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 51:1-12 (NIV)

L: ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.
C: ² **Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.**

L: ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

C: ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

L: ⁵ Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

C: ⁶ Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

L: ⁷ Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

C: ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

L: ⁹ Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

C: ¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

L: ¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

C: ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Hymn – Nothing But the Blood p. 362 UMH vv. 1, 2, & 4

Gospel Reading – John 12:20-33 (NIV)

²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. ²³ Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed.

But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. ²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. ³⁰ Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³ He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

Sermon – Whoever Serves

Closing Hymn – Have Thine Own Way Lord p. 382 UMH

Benediction & Commission

Family of God, go from this place to seek and find the glory of Christ wherever you go. And may you be blessed to recognize Christ as you notice, meet, and serve your neighbors today and every day. Amen!

Announcements

- A gift was given in memory of Patsy Beroth designated for missions
- Please remember the **Seven Cans for Seven Sundays** project which will end on Easter Sunday.

- The NOW Committee will meet Wednesday, March 20th at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
- The Bible Study for Lent will hold its last session at 1:00 PM on March 21st at Wesley Chapel.
- A Maundy Thursday service will be held at Wesley Chapel at 7:00 PM on March 28th.
- A Good Friday service will be held at Wesley Chapel at 7:00 PM on March 29th.
- **Attention All Children:** On Sunday, March 24th, an Easter egg hunt will take place at our church at 2:30 PM. Bring your baskets and parents, and come help us find the eggs.

Prayer List

Military / Missionary

Steve and Lena Gough

All who are serving our country at home and abroad

Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner

Frank Dalton

Jenny Davis

Sherry Doub

Frances V. Gough

Wanda Needham

Marie Parrish

Barbara Perryman

Margaret Pilcher

Frances Sisk

Eleanor Thompson

Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost
Jane Bullin
Leisha Carpenter
Glenna Culler
Joe Dean
Randy DePew
Amanda Doub
Ruby Driver
Joanne Everhart
Mary & Francis File
Garry Harbin
Kathy Harbin
Gail Howard
Randy Hunter
Amber Lambert

Jeannette Lanier
Jenny McBride
Kevin McBride
Mary Ann McBride
Kevin McDaniel
Matt McKnight
Mark Megela
Dawn Proctor
Jay D. Prevette
Vivian Royal
Mary Ellen Smith
Mark Wall
Ann Wallace
Robert and Susan Warren
Savannah Wooten

March Birthdays

Frances J. Gough	1	Elizabeth Mark	11
Mary Jane Disher	2	Nicki Pardue	14
Nyk Travis	7	Joshua Doub	23
Leroy Burton	8	Hank Disher	23
David Luck	9	John Kovach	28
Peter Hogg	10	Jimmy McBride	30
Silas Hogg	10		

Wesley Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen!