

A Service of Worship for the First Sunday of Our Lenten Journey

March 10, 2019

Covenant United Methodist Church

Call to the Lenten Journey

Ring the Bell and Light the Candle

Prelude *"What a Savior"* (arr. A. Potter)

Welcome

Introit *"The Old Rugged Cross"* (D. E. Wagner) Bell Choir

*Opening Prayer

Dearest Lord, I know how much you love me. It's hard for me to feel it sometimes, but I know deep within my heart that your love is always with me. Help me to use the strength and presence of your love to empower my Lenten journey. Keep me always willing to sacrifice the whole of my heart according to your ways and your mercy. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

*Hymn of the Day *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"* (vs. 1, 2, & 4) #110 (UMH)

Hearing the Lenten Word

Scripture Lesson Romans 10:8b-13

Confession of Sin and Words of Assurance

We confess, O God, that we are attracted to false gods and easy answers in life. We are vulnerable to temptations that can damage us in ways that are not always obvious, that look harmless. Sometimes it even looks as if they will greatly improve our lives. Forgive us and restore us so that we might have room in our lives for godly resolve and obedience. Amen.

Time for Younger Christians

Primary Lesson for the Day Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music *"Near the Cross"* (D. E. Wagner) Bell Choir

Message "G.O.D." Pastor Joel Deaner-Rogers

*Hymn of Response *"God Is So Good"* (vs. 1, 2 & 3) #2056 (TFWS)

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Our Lenten Sacrifices

Moment for Mission Solutions Center
Today's loose offering supports this mission.

Offering *Our guests should not feel obligated to contribute to our offering.*

Offertory *"O God, Thou Faithful God"* (J.S. Bach)

*Doxology *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* #95 (UMH)

*The Prayer of Dedication

God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. All we are and all that we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love. Use it to bring peace, comfort and new life to all who live in the world. Amen.

*Closing Hymn *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"* #117 (UMH)
(vs. 1, 2, 5 & 6)

*Sending Forth

*Response *"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"* (v. 1) #664 (UMH)

Postlude *"The Solid Rock"* (arr. A.L. Page)
(We invite you to please stay and listen to the Postlude.)

Our mission is making disciples of Jesus Christ for the
Transformation of the World.

Today's Worship Team

Organist/Pianist: Seth Dobson

Bell Choir Director: Tom White

Liturgist: Marilyn Roessler

Children's Time: Pastor Chris Deaner-Rogers

Head Ushers: Dave Miller

Ushers: Bill Kelley and Bill Olson

Acolyte: Tay Ford

Sound/Video Team: Kelly Braun, Diane Weider, Carol Schumacher, Dave Olson

Fellowship Hour: Heritage Circle



We ask for prayers for health, wisdom, encouragement, and strength to be raised to God for the following, in God's name we pray . . . as well as for all our unspoken prayer concerns.

Jim Beekman, Sandy Thern, Linda Mielke, Mary Libertine, Donna Born, Marge Miller, Yolanda Mason, Ed Sadler.

The report from the Last Week

Attendance: 83

Regular Giving: \$2909.00

Redbird Mission: \$198.17

Other: \$1227.50

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1st Sunday of
LENT

*Create in me a clean heart, O God;
and renew a right spirit within me.*

Psalm 51:10