

# Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

Service of Worship • Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024 • 10:55 AM

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## TOWER BELLS

## GATHERING

### WELCOME

Rev. Jennifer Ingold Asbill

### WELCOME STATEMENT

As our Lord Jesus Christ calls us to love and accept every person, Duke Memorial United Methodist Church welcomes into our life together those of every age, race, ethnic background, nationality, gender identity, sexual orientation, family or socioeconomic status, educational background, and physical or mental ability. In our commitment to the reconciliation of all persons as beloved children of God, we celebrate our diversity and recognize the sacred worth and dignity of all. We invite you to join us in our faith journey toward discipleship in Christ with mutual respect, understanding, and love.

### PRELUDE

Samantha Horn, harp

Poor Wayfaring Stranger

arr. Kim Robertson

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Katie Diaz, Pastoral Intern

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're in the right place!

This is God's house. The door is open to 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 that in you! You're in the right place.**

**This is God's house. The door is open to you.**

Let us worship God.

**Let us learn from the Spirit. Amen!**

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

Katie Diaz, Pastoral Intern

Bill “Wilkie” Wilson | October 26, 1944 - March 4, 2024

## \*OPENING HYMN

UMH (red) 89 | Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Katie Diaz, Pastoral Intern

**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. We forget that the disciples called you “Rabbi, Teacher.” Forgive us for the times when we fail to be curious. Forgive us for the times when we assume we know best. Forgive us for the moments when we imagine that our learning is done and that we have all the answers. Like Peter—who was brave enough to ask, “How many times should we forgive?”—make us brave. Spark a desire in us to learn, and may our curiosity carry our faith into deeper waters. With hope and humility we pray, amen.**

*silence for personal confession*

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**Glory to God. Amen.**

## PASSING THE PEACE

*Greet one another with signs of reconciliation and love*

The peace of Christ be with you, **and also with you.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Samantha Horn, harp

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Kim Robertson

*“Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.*

*Praise the mount, I’m fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love”*

## PROCLAMATION

## CHILDREN’S TIME

Karen Manship

*\* Please rise as you are comfortable*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Heather Rodrigues

**Teaching God, we want to learn your ways. We want to learn the ways of forgiveness. We want to learn the ways of grace. We want to learn your ways of love. That is part of why we return to your text week after week, because we are hungry to be more like you. So as we prepare to listen to your good Word, calm the noise in our minds. Center our spirits to focus on you so that we might learn and hear what we have missed in this story before. God, we want to learn your ways. Meet us here. Speak your truth. Help us listen. Amen.**

\*GOSPEL LESSON | MATTHEW 18:15-22 NRSV

This is the Gospel of our Lord. **Glory to God. Amen.**

SERMON

Rev. Jennifer Ingold Asbill

## RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Katie Diaz, Pastoral Intern

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Worship and Song (green) 3068 | The Lord's Prayer

MALOTTE

OFFERING OURSELVES | CROP WALK

Sid Allen

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Katie Diaz, Pastoral Intern

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OFFERTORY

Sanctuary Choir; Ada Brown, oboe; Samantha Horn, harp

The Lord Is My Shepherd from *Requiem*

John Rutter

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Katie Diaz, Pastoral Intern

## SENDING FORTH

\*CLOSING HYMN

UMH 384 | Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Jennifer Ingold Asbill

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

arr. Christa Grix

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**Hearts on the Rail** are hung with each person's name written on one. As we reflect on our Lenten theme "Wandering Heart," you will be invited to take a heart each Sunday and pray for that person. If you are visiting for the first time, feel free to write your own name on a heart and hang it on the rail as well. For more information about our Lent series visit [dukememorial.org/lent](http://dukememorial.org/lent).

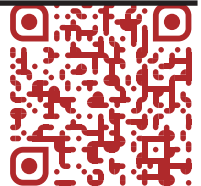
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**Fidget baskets** are located on either side of the altar rail and in the narthex. Feel free to use a fidget or two at any point during worship and then return them to the basket at the end of service. Additionally, there is "**Pray Ground**" space in front of the pews on the right side of the sanctuary. This is space in the sanctuary for our worshippers of all ages and stages. Feel free to let your child play in this space as they participate in worship.

**New? Tell Us More** | We hope to connect with you and one another inside and outside the church building. We encourage you to take time to fill out the connect card, explore our Spiritual Formation groups, ministries for children and youth, and our ministries designed to connect the church to the world through service. *scan code or visit [dukememorial.org/here](http://dukememorial.org/here)*



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