

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

Service of Worship • Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023 • 10:55 AM

TOWER BELLS

GATHERING

WELCOME

Rev. Heather Rodrigues

WELCOME STATEMENT

Malachi Cain

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

Fred Mason Jr., Organist

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

arr. Johannes Brahms

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastoral Intern Kayla Wood

Scripture is full of questions.

Where are you?

Am I my sibling's keeper?

Whom shall I send?

Who do you say that I am?

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Just like the questions of Scripture, may we bring our full curiosity and wonder into this space.

Let us ask and seek after our Merciful God, listener of our questions.

*OPENING HYMN

The Faith We Sing (back) 2237 | As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

BEACH SPRING

** Please stand as you are able*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastoral Intern Kayla Wood

We have sinned. We put our heads in the sand. We ignored people in need. We make false assumptions and fail to be kind. We are in need of forgiveness.

silence for personal confession

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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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.**

PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Jennifer Ingold Asbill

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Thomas Phillips

God of Good news, there is reading your Word, hearing your Word, and there is wrapping ourselves in your Word, laying your Word over us like a blanket, planting ourselves like a garden in your Word. God, bundle us up in your Word and love. We want to know you. With hopeful hearts we pray, amen.

*GOSPEL LESSON | JOHN 9:1-41 *The Inclusive Bible*

Thomas Phillips, Rev. Laura Crosskey
Kayla Wood, Stan Coffman

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

SERMON

Rev. Heather Rodrigues

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastoral Intern Kayla Wood

Following each petition:

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER | UMH 895

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OFFERTORY

Sanctuary Choir

We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace

arr. Moses Hogan

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastoral Intern Kayla Wood

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

UMH 378 | Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Heather Rodrigues

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

Fred Mason Jr., Organist

Prelude in D minor

J. Pachelbel

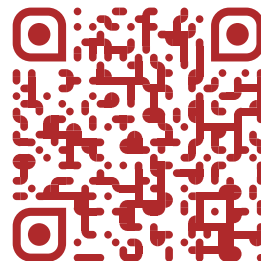
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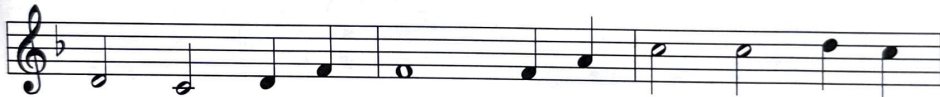
As a Fire Is Meant for Burning 2237



1. As a fire is meant for burn - ing with a bright and warm-ing
2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; we are pil - grims on the
3. As a green bud in the spring-time is a sign of life re -



flame, so the church is meant for mis - sion, giv - ing
way. We are seek - ers; we are giv - ers; we are
newed, so may we be signs of one - ness 'mid earth's



glo - ry to God's name. Not to preach our creeds or
ves - sels made of clay. By our gen - tle, lov - ing
peo - ples, man - y hued. As a rain - bow lights the



cus - toms, but to build a bridge of care, we join
ac - tions we would show that Christ is light. In a
heav - ens when a storm is past and gone, may our



hands a - cross the na - tions, find - ing neigh - bors ev - ery - where.
hum - ble, lis - tening Spir - it we would live to God's de - light.
lives re - flect the ra - diance of God's new and glo - rious dawn.

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MUSIC: From *The Sacred Harp*, 1844

BEACH SPRING
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