

March Prayer Partner *prayer*

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

“Lord I lift up (_____) to you right now. I pray you fill (_____) heart with compassion. Give them compassion for the people they will come in contact with at school - friends, teachers, classmates, etc. I ask that you would help (_____) see these people through your eyes and show them the love of Jesus. I also ask for those working with and surrounding my child to have compassion as well. IN Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Wednesday Night Feast

Mar. 5, 2024
Ham & Beans
Cornbread
Pasta Salad
Hot Dogs / Rolls
Chips
Tossed Salad
Desserts



KROUT MEMORIAL
MARCH 5TH, 2025 6:15PM

TASH WEDNESDAY



Easter Flower Sale

Orders are due March 9th
Order forms are on the Take 5 Kart and Table outside of Church Office



PASTA BAR
Fundraiser for Mission Trip

Spaghetti, Chicken Alfredo, Salad, Bread Sticks and Desserts **\$8** (per dish)

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Sunday, March 9 - 11:30am



50th Preschool Anniversary
March 30th 11:30am

The celebration will take place in the Dining Hall



Lessons in Legos
Sunday, March 23rd
4:00pm

a fun afternoon learning how Jesus can use tiny blocks to teach big ideas



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March 2nd, 2025 Holy Communion - Youth Sunday

Our Vision Statement:

Enlarging the circle of disciples through Jesus

Thanks for joining us today! If you have any questions while you are here this morning, you can find an answer at the Welcome table, which is inside the doors off Jefferson Street. Whatever your circumstances, and no matter where you've been, you matter to God, and you matter to us. We are glad you are here! If you are a first time guest with us this morning, **Welcome!** Please stop by the welcome table and pick up a welcome packet.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

"The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!" *Psalms 99: 2-3*

**indicates please stand if you are able*

Please fill out the attendance pad and pass it to your neighbor

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hayden Dowler

PRELUDE *I Waited for the Lord* by Felix Mendelssohn Mary Ann Falk and Dondra Maney
Scott Turner, Accompanist

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Ella Pruden

Leader: Disciples of Christ, today your Savior calls you to come up the mountain and pray. Will you come?

People: We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

Leader: Will you follow when Christ's glory overwhelms your senses, and you sit astounded at God's greatness?

People: We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

Leader: Will you follow when Jesus won't let you stay on the mountaintop, insisting that you return to the valley where people are hurting and in need of good news?

People: We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

Leader: Disciples, come! Let us worship God, whose glory shines on the mountaintop and in the eyes of our neighbors.

People: Come, let us worship God, whose glory shimmers all around us, even now!

***HYMN** *Where He Leads Me* (#338) Scott Turner

***OPENING PRAYER** Ashlynn Shaffer

Lord of the Mountaintop, God of dazzling clothes, be with us when we come down from the height of worship to face a world that didn't see what we just saw in you. Show us what to do. When demons rage through elementary schools, let it not be said that your disciples could not cast the devil out. When violence threatens to engulf our communities, let it not be said that your disciples cowered in fear or walked on the other side of the road. When there is the peril of fire or flood, let it not be said that your disciples cleared the unwanted junk from their garages and called it charity... Lord of the Mountaintop, God of dazzling clothes, show us how we are to be. Change us; transfigure us so that this world might see what we have just seen, and worship you. Amen.

LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Pastor: Christian Taylor
Worship: Jeremy Laukhuf
Director of Music: Scott Turner
Screen Creator: Melody Taylor
Acolytes: Jackson Osburn & Heather Keen

Projectionist: Noah Krites
Sound Engineer: Justin Siefker
Videographer: Dave Thompson
Usher Coordinator: Neil Shaffer & Dave Lichtle

SONG *Gratitude* Jeremy Laukhuf

CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN Elora Hogan
(Children Remain in Worship)

***SCRIPTURE** Luke 9: 28-36
SERIES **Where You Are: Far Horizons**
MESSAGE *Astounded at the Greatness* Pastor Christian Taylor

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Teresa Shaffer
THE LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION Mandy Burenga and Olivia Snyder

ANTHEM *Longing to Draw Near* by Craig Courtney Chancel Choir
Gloria Wendel, Accompanist
Dedicated to the First UMC Senior Choir, in loving memory of Margaret Shaffer Maney

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY *Hymn Setting* by Noreen Grey Lienhard

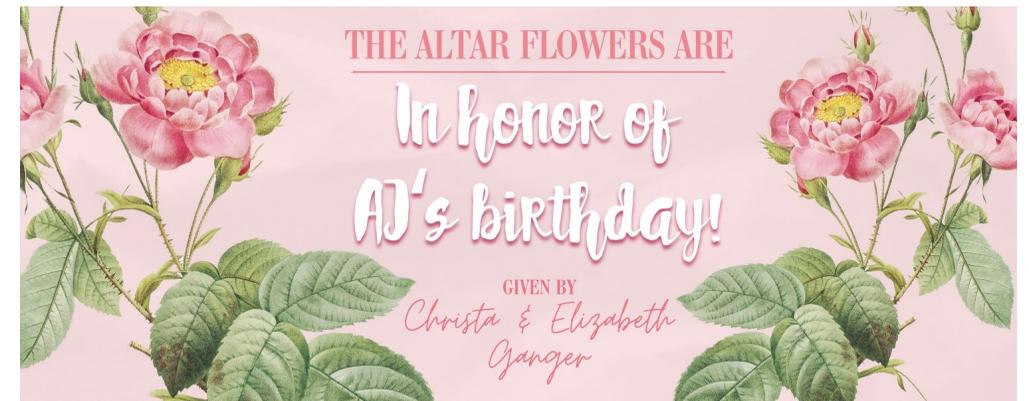
***DOXOLOGY** *Give Thanks*

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

***SPOKEN BEDICTION** Pastor Christian Taylor

POSTLUDE *Postlude* by Edward Broughton Scott Turner

*You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude or leave quietly in peace.
Thank you for worshipping with us today!*



Kid's Worship Kits

Today, our children will remain in worship instead of going to AWE. We have **Worship Kits** located in the Narthex if they would like something to work on. The kits include activities that go along with today's service. Please remember to return the kits after service.
Thank you.