

## 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**

**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!” Psalm 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 BENEDICTION 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.