ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, March 17

Worship Service 8:30 am - Chapel Advocate Mizpah 9:00 Room 208 Worship Service 10:15 am - Sanctuary and Livestream Sunday School 10:15 am Sr. High 180 7:00 pm - Offsite

MONDAY, March 18

Finance Committee 7:00 pm - Pastor's Office

TUESDAY, March 19

Art Guild 9:30 am - Room 205

WEDNESDAY, March 20

Lenten Study 10:00 am – Room 205 Prayer Time with Pastor Cerna 11:00 am - Zoom Children's Choir 5:00 pm - Choir room TGiW Dinner 5:30 pm - Fellowship Hall Bell Choir 6:30 pm - Sanctuary Jr. High 180 7:00 pm - Jr. High Room Chancel Choir 7:30 pm - Choir Room

THURSDAY, March 21

Yoga 9:00 am - Room 208 Staff Meeting 12:00 pm - Pastor's Office Board of Trustees 7:00 pm - Pastor's Office

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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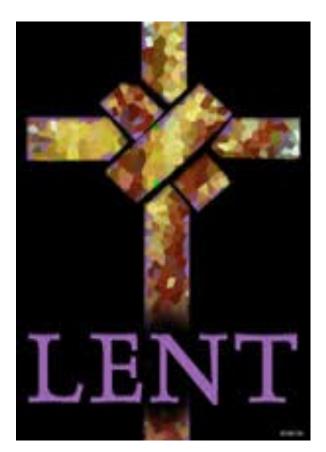
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Sunday, March 17, 2024 8:30 am ~ 10:15 am

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Exploring Our Faith, Extending Christ's Reach

With God's grace, our congregation's hearts, minds and doors are open to people of all races, ethnicities, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities, and economic conditions.



Sunday, March 17, 2024 The Fifth Sunday in Lent 8:30 am Chapel 10:15 am Sanctuary & Livestream

Prelude "Keltic March" Alec Rowley

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader Are you feeling tired and worn out? **People Call on the name of the Lord.**

Leader Are mistakes from the past weighing you down?

People Come to the fount of living water. Leader Are you the person you wish to be?

People Seek God's help and it shall be granted.

Leader Are you looking for a better path? **Ask Christ to show you the way.**

All Come! Let us worship.

*Hymn "Jesus Calls Us" Hymnal 398

*Prayer (unison) Rev. Cerna Castro Rand Our souls are troubled, Holy One, until they find their rest in you. When we live in fear of our mortality, help us face the future unafraid. Write the truth of Christ's words on our hearts: "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it can only be a single seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit." In our living and in our dying, draw us together with all your people. Amen.

*Gospel Lesson John 12:20-33

One The word of God for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment
The Lord's Prayer

Jennifer Robison

Anthem "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Kauffmann Bell Choir

Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Cerna Castro Rand

Invitation to Offering

(To give online go to fumclg.org or you may also text fumclg to 83256)

Offertory "Out of the Deep" John Rutter from "Requiem"

*The Doxology Hymnal 95

*Offertory Prayer (unison) Rev. Cerna Castro Rand With hearts washed clean and with spirits made new, we celebrate the joy of your salvation, O God. May the tithes and offerings we share this day reflect the law of love you have written on our hearts. May these gifts bear the fruit of your Spirit, and may they bless those who need it most. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

With clean hearts and renewed spirits, let us rejoice in the law of love written on our hearts. Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

Sermon "Jesus' Hour Has Come" Rev. Cerna Castro Rand

*Hymn "Take Up Thy Cross" Hymnal 415

*Benediction Rev. Cerna Castro Rand

*Choral Response "Threefold Amen" Storer

Postlude "St. Patrick's Breastplate" arr. Benton

Worship Leaders

Cheryl Groetsema 8:30 am Pam Litster 10:15 am

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Mattea Teolis

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Sue Wisthuff, Kevin Mikan, Rick Hayes

Acolyte

Connor Lemna

Greeters

Lynn and Gary Lesher

(The Opening Prayer, Offertory Prayer and Passing of the Peace have come from the Abingdon Worship Annual 2024)