

Welcome to Worship
Third Sunday in Lent

March 4, 2018

10:30 A.M.

* *Please stand if you are able.*

PRELUDE Lois Mc James

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Lisa Cook

GREET ONE ANOTHER /INTRODUCTIONS

THIRD TENEBRAE READING Bud & Gayle Swanson

* CALL TO WORSHIP Sue Dexter

Leader: How does God speak?

People: Not with a voice like ours.

Leader: God speaks in many ways.

People: In the beautiful creation, we see God's spoken work. From within we hear the Holy Spirit speak to us, in the world around us we experience God's vision.

Leader: It is in the cross of Christ that God speaks profoundly.

People: The cross is absurd for some but for those who are being saved it is the sign of the power of God.

* THE HYMN "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" #626

* OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, the opportunities to know you in this faith community are numerous. Don't allow us to be spectators only, but draw us in with the communion, the scriptures, the prayers and the people. Let us be ready to hear your message this day. We thank you, O God, and praise you this day. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(NO KIDSCHURCH the first Sunday of the month.)

(Hold your prayer cards up for the ushers to collect.)

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

THE MESSAGE Rev. Lisa Cook
"Message of the Cross"

HYMN "What Sin" (video)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

COMMUNION #15
(Communion Song "One Bread, One Body" #620, "Fill My Cup, Lord" #641)

OFFERTORY

* GIVING OUR GIFTS TO GOD (Doxology) #94
(Mission money for March is UMCOR, United Methodist Committee on Relief bringing help & hope to disasters around the world).

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O God, turn our hearts toward your true son, Jesus. Let us see in him the salvation offered to all. We bring these gifts as a true measure of our love for you and all your people. Let these gifts go in and through your church to do the most good. We pray this in the name of the living Lord. Amen.

* THE HYMN "Give Me Jesus" (video)

* THE DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

SERVING THE LORD

Minister: Rev. Lisa Cook
Organist: Lois McJames
Treasurer: Ronda Bowen
Nursery Worker: Jill Dougherty & Tana Spangler
KIDSCHURCH: No KIDSCHURCH today
Scripture Reader: Sue Dexter
Ushers: Chris Thompson, Becky Bastuk, Rick Foley
Frank Morgan
Greeter: Mary Morgan
Counters: Sharon Arvidson, Ruth Ann
Trustee for March: Adam Sian (Sharon Raymond)
Fellowship Hour March 4: UMM
Fellowship Hour March 11: Visitation
Communion Stewards: Mike & Judy Gorthy, Brenda Boots
Ruth Ann Wrona

Anniversaries & Birthdays

March 4 Roger Sharpe

March 4 Josh Coty

March 8 Mike Numbers



*Altar Flowers are given by
Pat Gruber in Honor of
Josh Coty's 24th Birthday*

February 25, 2018 Facts and Figures

Worship Attendance: 51
Adult Sunday School: 5
Nursery: 3
Offering: \$3,077.00
Mission, Loose Change in Feb. Fresh Aire Samaritan Center
in Midland, \$75.31.
Building Fund YTD: \$3,925.00 (Balance: \$23,534.78)
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