

Prayer Concerns

First Responders	Carole B.'s niece's family
Those affected by gun violence	Nancy D.
Those suffering from mental Illness, addiction & homelessness	Lois D.
Bunny, Liz L.'s cousin	Anita B.
Curtis, lifted by Reba Y.	Ray S.
Doug, friend of Joel & Deb C.	Judy, lifted by Brenda F.
Bill & Marilyn R.	Marianne, lifted by Janis J.
Tammy M.'s Dad's recovery	Jane P.
Vicki and her family, daughter of Rae and Walt S.	Keith A.
Harry W., son of Harry W.	Judy L.
Dan G., lifted by Barb & Ron C.	Selene, lifted by Carole A.
Matt & Debby, lifted by Janis J.	David and Steve, lifted by Mary Ellen M.
Joan H.	Barbara B.
Jeff S., nephew of Jan & Bill C.	David N., JoAnne's husband
Cindy, Reba Y.'s sister-in-law	Joy and Rocky, lifted by Paul & Claudia T.
Jewel Y., lifted by John & Michelle W.	Ron W.
Betty, Paul T.'s aunt	Wayne K., lifted by Liz L.
Pat, CJ C.'s mother	Jan, community meal volunteer
Liz L.	Barb L.
Condolences to the Andrews Family on the passing of Barb's brother, Spencer	Ken & Doris, friends of Sally C.

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

2/20 Joanne Krueger	2/23 Sydney Scothon
2/21 Terri Wilhelm	2/24 Oliver Bosau

Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher: Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm
Organist: Javier Gonzalez
Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez
Liturgist: John Wolter
Greeters: John and Char Vas, Greg Lavelle
Usher: Judi Wagner
Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter



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First Sunday in Lent/Penny Sunday

February 18, 2024 10:30 am

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

L: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Celebration of Ministries and Missions

Focus on Black History Month

Janis Jarvis

Prelude

Meditation on "Land of Rest"

David Lasky

****Call to Worship***

John Wolter

L: Lenten travelers, when you feel the security of God's love,
affirmation of God's call, and covered in God's grace...

P: God comes near.

L: When you feel deserted and alone, starving and parched for a
caring hand or an encouraging word, troubled and uncertain as the
ground under you shifts like sand...

P: God comes near.

L: When you feel emboldened to act, inspired to speak, energized
to live as bearers of the good news that the Kingdom of God is
here...

P: God comes near.

L: In all seasons of our lives, God comes near to us and does not
forsake us.

P: We gather to come near to God whose ever-present love remains near no matter where our journey takes us.

***Unison Prayer**

Lord and Shepherd of our journeys in the desert, we come to you during this Lenten season as servants of Jesus Christ. We remember how you liberated Moses and the Israelites; we remember also how you liberated the prophet Elijah in his journey to escape from a corrupt king. Now, in our Lenten journey, we implore your direction, your patience, and your spiritual support. As you sent your angels to care for the Israelites, to the prophet Elijah in his journey, and to Jesus during his forty days in the desert, send them also to us in our earthly journeys. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Old Testament Readings** Genesis 9:8-17

***Hymn** *This is My Father's World* UMH 144

Prayers of the People

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Most loving God, arrest the false gods that have diverted us, show us the deceits that have blurred our vision, unmask the poverty of our goals and longings, expose the cheap values that parade as virtues, save us from permitting a rift between Christ and us, and deliver us from cheap guilt and trivial remorse. Please bring us to an honest repentance, the forgiveness of sins, and the renewal of our faith and love. Through Christ Jesus our Savior, Amen!

Words of Assurance

Fellow travelers on the road to Easter, always remember that there is much more forgiveness in God than we could ever exhaust. Receive from God, through the grace of Christ, the blessing of sins forgiven and a right relationship restored.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy Kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Penny Sunday

Choir Anthem *Abide With Me* arr. Jack Schrader

The Offering

Offertory *Air* John Blow

***Doxology** UMH 95

***Prayer for the Offering**

Epistle Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel Reading Mark 1:9-15

Hymn *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters* UMH 605

Sermon "Renewed Commitment" Will Fenton-Jones
Director of Multicultural Ministries, East Ohio Conference of The UMC

***Hymn** *Great is Thy Faithfulness* UMH 140

***Responsive Benediction**

L: Beloved, God comes near and proclaims the good news all around us.

P: Go, now, in the blessed company of the Triune God to discover the inbreaking of the good news wherever you may go!

All: Amen.

Postlude *Trumpet Tune on "Laudate Dominum"* David Lasky

(You are invited to be seated for the Postlude before exiting the Sanctuary.)

**Please stand if you are able.*