

The Church at Worship

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Congregational responses and unison readings are indicated in bold.

The Gathering

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy Father, we gather here today under your care and protection. Thank you for your lovingkindness that never fails us. We thank you for those with us, that you would guide our thoughts and actions to bring you glory. Strengthen us and fill us with your peace. May we love and serve each other as Jesus has shown us. Fill us with the Holy Spirit to do your good work on earth. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 51)*

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;

People: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.

Leader: You desire truth in our deepest selves, so teach our hearts wisdom.

People: Let us hear your joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Leader: Create in us clean hearts, O God; put new and right spirits within us.

People: Sustain in us willing spirits and restore us to the joy of your salvation. Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* # 82

CALL TO CONFESSION *(from Jeremiah 31:33)*

“The days are surely coming,” says the Lord, “When I will make a new covenant with my people. I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.” Friends, we are God’s people. Yet even as we strive to know our God

and walk in God’s paths, we fall short. Trusting in God as a merciful covenant partner, let us confess our sin together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living Christ, with whom we journey to the cross, we confess that we are always looking for an easier way. We long for the fullness of life with you, but we are slow to abandon the comforts of the life we know. We seek the fruit of new life, but we are not willing to die to ourselves. You call us to life in community, but we stubbornly cling to “me and mine.” Yet you offer the grace of life abundant, even and especially when our best efforts fall short. Transform us, renew us, and free us from our attachment to what was, so that you might bring us into the glory of what will be. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

(Moment for silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear the good news! We worship a God who forgives our iniquities and remembers our sins no more. Proclaim the good news with me!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

The Response to Forgiveness

**Gloria Patri* #620

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: *The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ which passes all understanding be with you all.*

All: And also with you.

(Please turn to those around you and extend the hand of peace and friendship)

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Amazing Grace* # 299

The Word

SCRIPTURE John 12:1-8

PRESENTATION Arkansas Community Foundation – Johnson County
Ms. Margot McLeod, Executive Director

The Response

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Eucharist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**DOXOLOGY*

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***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all people here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father; Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Sending

*CLOSING HYMN *Be Thou My Vision* # 400

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *God Be With You* #583

POSTLUDE

Congregational Care

Pat Farmer’s sister, Heber; Rosemary Harris and her helper Linda; Ethan, friend of Nebe; Alex Lanphear; Lee Franklin Laster & wife, Darlene; Emma Lollar; Douglas McKenzie; Jan Pennington; Terry Thomas, the Rev. Tracy Williams; those unable to attend church and those serving in the military, as missionaries and in works of mercy and relief around the world and their families.

Address for Emma Lollar:

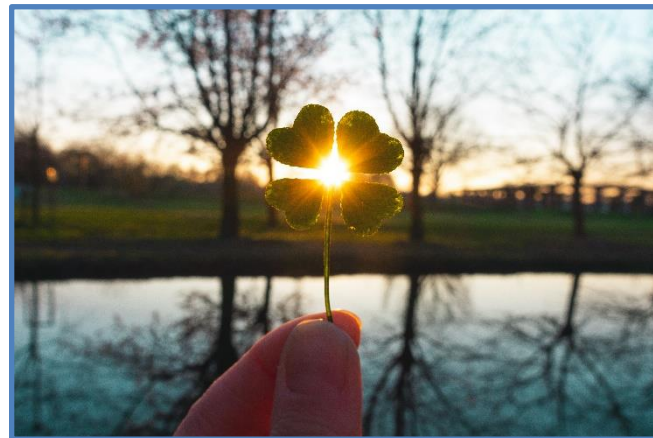
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ANNOUNCEMENTS:



SPRING POTLUCK – APRIL 7

Bring your favorite casserole or dessert!



The Leadership of the Church

SESSION serves as the governing council of the church.

Current members of the Session are:

Louan Pyron, Clerk
Cindy Lanphear, Treasurer

Class of 2024
Linda McDougal
Chris Lanphear

Class of 2025
Stephen Fyr
Ann Pfeifler

Class of 2026
Louan Pyron
Maribeth Laster

	NOTES FROM TODAY’S LESSONS

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5th Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

Worship 10:00 a.m.