



First United Methodist Church

Worship Guide for Sunday, March 22, 2020

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come and praise the eternal God!

People: **With all that is within us — body, emotions, mind, and will— we will praise God’s holy name.**

Leader: God is always with us, nourishing us when we are empty, and strengthening us when we are weak.

People: **God fills our lives with good and beautiful things, satisfying our needs and restoring our souls.**

Leader: Bow down and praise the eternal God!

People: **We will remember all that God has done for us and worship with grateful hearts.**

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

“What a Beautiful Name”

PRAYER of CONFESSION and ASSURANCE of PARDON

Leader: Mighty and everlasting God, giver of grace and goodness,

People: **We confess that our self-centeredness causes us to sin against You and our neighbor.**

Leader: You bless us richly;

People: **Forgive our reluctance to share.**

Leader: You hold us close to your heart;

People: **Forgive us for keeping others at arm’s length.**

Leader: You shine in the shadows of our soul;

People: **Forgive us for not sharing the Light.**

Leader: You lift us from where we have fallen;

People: **Forgive us for not offering a helping hand.**

Leader: We humbly kneel at Your feet and seek Your grace.

People: **We long for Your words of comfort and hope. Open our ears that we may hear Your voice and follow You as true disciples.**

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: Overlooking the foolishness and mistakes we make, God leads us into new life, where we are restored to grace, hope, and peace. Hear and remember the good news of the Gospel:

People: **In the name of Jesus, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. AMEN**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 2:5-11

MORNING PRAYER and 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, and the power, and the glory forever. AMEN

HYMN OF REFLECTION

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 14:1-11

SERMON

“WEDNESDAY: Betrayal and Anointing”

Rev. Jodie Ihfe

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“I Surrender All”

BENEDICTION