



First United Methodist Church

Worship Guide for Sunday, March 15, 2020

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are created by God, and we belong to God.

People: The image of God is stamped upon our lives

Leader: God's love and compassion is built into us.

People: God's mercy and hope are meant to flow through us.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord!

People: Let us praise God, who daily walks by our side.

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

PRAYER of CONFESSION and ASSURANCE of PARDON

Leader: Merciful God, in You we live and move and have our being.

People: Forgive us when we forget that we were created in Your loving image.

Leader: Holy God, You call us to walk humbly with You in paths of kindness and mercy to our brothers and sisters.

People: Forgive us when we place our trust in tangible things – things we can see and touch – hurting our relationship with others, and questioning Your faithfulness.

Leader: Merciful God, help us when we lose our way, and forgive us when we forget to whom we truly belong.

People: Lover of justice, open our hearts to love you above all else, and open our hands to work in ways that bring peace and hope to all people.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: At the moment we turn to God, God greets us with mercy and grace, and brings us home as beloved children. With God, we walk in full assurance of the good news of the Gospel;

People: By the power of the Spirit, and in the name of Jesus, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. AMEN

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:24-31

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 Am Thine, O Lord"

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 11:27-33; 12:13-17

SERMON

"TUESDAY: What Belongs to God"

Rev. Gary Ihfe

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Who You Say I Am"

BENEDICTION