



# First United Methodist Church

## Worship Guide for Sunday, March 29, 2020

### GREETING

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, and remember God's great love for us and for the world

People: **Once we were far away, but grace found us, and we are invited into God's presence.**

Leader: God abides with us and will never leave with us.

People: **God's gives us hope and fills our lives with joy.**

Leader: God accepts us and gives us life abundant

People: **We offer our praise to our faithful God, whose love endures forever.**

### INVOCATION

### HYMN OF PRAISE

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

### PRAYER of CONFESSION and ASSURANCE of PARDON

Leader: Holy God, we have heard but not really taken to heart the teachings of Your Son.

People: **Our lack of faith requires us to doubt Your faithfulness.**

Leader: We have behaved in very unloving ways.

People: **We refuse to turn the other cheek or go the extra mile.**

Leader: We ignore those who struggle with life or, at best, try to deal passively with them.

People: **Our hearts are centered on our own desires and not on the needs of others.**

Leader: Our words are not always kind and our motives are not always honest.

People: **We find it difficult to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.**

Leader: Help us learn to trust Your unconditional love and find peace in the joy of sharing.

People: **Turn our self-serving ways into self-giving ways so that our lives may reflect Your glory and Your love may be known to all around us.**

*(a time for personal reflection)*

Leader: Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a free gift of God. Beloved people of God, believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: **In the compassion and love of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.  
AMEN**

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 40:1-8

### 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

"Hope of the World"

### GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 14:32-42

### SERMON

"THURSDAY: "The Garden of Gethsemane"

Rev. Jodie Ihfe

### HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Garden"

### BENEDICTION