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The Service of Worship Second Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Ringling of the Church Bells

Choral Introit

Return to God

Choir

Words of Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader Come, people of God, to know again who you are, return to the One who gives you life.

People **We come as children of God, longing for a closer walk with our creator.**

Leader The God who has given us life offers us a new birth – a new way.

People **We are both attracted and repelled by newness, by the promises and challenges of a life of faith.**

Leader Let us venture together, daring to feel the winds of God's Spirit.

People **We will join in exploring God's purposes and open ourselves to God's leading. Amen.**

***Hymn**

[Majesty, Worship His Majesty](#)

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Call to Confession (leader)

Some of us think of ourselves more highly than we ought to think. Others do not appreciate our own worth as God's children, nor live in the confidence of God's love. Most of us, when faced with a choice between security and venturing in dangerous, unknown paths where God may be calling us, are reluctant to take the risks of faith. All of us are invited to name our sins and seek God's forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious and loving God, you have blessed us abundantly with material and spiritual resources, but we have wasted them, complained of our lot, and asked for more benefits and protection. It is hard to hear the message that all we have, even

life itself, belongs to you and is to be invested in your service. When you call us to depart from our safe places to serve you or to give up our wealth for the sake of others, we are frightened. We turn away from the cost of discipleship, seeking to enjoy the benefits of faith without opening ourselves to its risks and challenges. Forgive us, O God, and give us the courage of our convictions. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Rev McDonald

Amen

Choir

Anthem

It Should Have Been Me

Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Rev McDonald

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer (in unison)

Eternal and loving God, Your word says that the earth is yours, and everything in it. We recognize everything we have belongs to you. We acknowledge that our very lives belong to you. We now offer back to you a portion of what you have given us. May God the Father prepare our journey, Jesus the Son guide our footsteps and the Holy Spirit watch over us, on every path that we follow. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

***Doxology**

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***Hymn**

[Blessed Assurance](#)

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Scripture

[John 3: 1-21](#)

Special Music

Kathi Hiett

Message

You Must Be Born From Above

Rev. McDonald

Hymn

[Fill My Cup, Lord](#)

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The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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.

Giving of the Bread and the Cup

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***Hymn**

[I Surrender All](#)

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Benediction

***Postlude**

Schedule of Our Opportunities

Today	9:00 a.m.	Heart of Worship in the Social Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday school
	11:00 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary
		Service broadcast on wfbr1590.weebly.com/ or 1590 AM/Facebook Live Stream

Looking Ahead

March 7 th	10:00 a.m.	United Women in Faith – Social Hall
March 7 th	7:00 p.m.	Deborah Circle – Social Hall
March 8 th	10:00 a.m.	Quilter's Meeting – Ward Room
March 11 th	9:00 a.m.	United Methodist Men Breakfast – Social Hall
March 13 th	7:00 p.m.	SPRC Meeting – Social Hall
March 14 th	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Meeting – Room #58
March 15 th	10:00 a.m.	Quilter's Meeting – Ward Room
March 20 th	7:00 p.m.	Missions Meeting – Social Hall
March 22 nd	10:00 a.m.	Quilter's Meeting – Ward Room
March 29 th	10:00 a.m.	Quilter's Meeting – Ward Room