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The Service of Worship
Third Sunday of Lent
**Please turn the sound off on your cell phone*

March 3, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Ringling of the Church Bells

Choral Introit

Return to God

Chancel Choir

Words of Welcome, Announcements and Signing of Registration Pads

***Call to Worship**

Leader God, we come to you in worship and thanksgiving. You are greater than we can understand;

People **open our eyes that we may see the wonderful truths you have shown to us in Jesus.**

Leader You are more loving than our hearts can respond to;

People **help us to give ourselves to you in worship so that we learn what you want us to be.**

Leader You are wiser than we can know;

People **still our minds as we worship you so that we can understand the things you are saying to us.**

Leader Loving God, in Jesus you chose to come to the world in humility. You chose the path the world saw as foolish. You used what the world considered weak.

People **We worship and adore you. Amen.**

***Hymn**

[Lift High the Cross](#)

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Call to Confession (leader)

We are sinners in the sight of God, yet because of His great love for us he put forth Jesus to die in our place. Let us confess to God our sin and our need for His saving grace.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, we confess our bewilderment over the presence of any wisdom at all in such a dreadful act as the crucifixion of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. It seems as though evil triumphed in this wretched deed. Yet, when we know the outcome of the crucifixion, we realize that it was an act of powerful and sacrificial love, and that in the end, good did triumph over evil, life defeated death. And so, forgive us, O God, when we become so influenced by the wisdom of the world that we demand signs and seek intellectual certainty as proof of your existence. Forgive us when we get caught in the quest of achievement and power, forgetting that Jesus' power was made perfect in weakness. Forgive

our reluctance, O God, to proclaim with our lips and our lives that the crucified Christ is Lord of our lives and help us to empty ourselves of all that hinders such proclamation of our faith. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance Rev McDonald

Amen Chancel Choir

Anthem Man of Sorrows Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer Rev McDonald

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer (in unison)

Holy God, as we bring our tithes and offerings to your altar, we admit that many of us have longed to be "wise with money" as the world understands it – accumulating and building our balances and portfolios. The apostle Paul has called us to live in ways that often seem foolish to the world, and we know that means being seen as extravagant in generosity and reckless in our compassion. Help us on the journey to loosen our grip on our money and possessions and live compassionately as your Son has called us. In his name, we pray. Amen.

Offertory Music Kathi Hiatt

***Doxology** #95

***Hymn** [When I Survey the Wondrous Cross](#) #298

Scripture [1 Corinthians 1: 18-25](#)

Special Music Kathi Hiatt

Message The Cross: The Wisdom and Power of God Rev. McDonald

The Great Thanksgiving #9

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 Cup

***Hymn** [The Old Rugged Cross](#) #504

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Looking Ahead

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| Mar 5 th | 10:00 a.m. | United Women in Faith – Social Hall |
| Mar 5 th | 7:00 p.m. | Deborah Circle – Social Hall |
| Mar 6 th | 10:00 a.m. | Quilting Ministry – Social Hall |
| Mar 12 th | 10:00 a.m. | Prayer Shawl Ministry – Room #58 |
| Mar 28 th | 7:00 p.m. | Holy Thursday Service - Sanctuary |

Grief Share

The death of a loved one is one of the most difficult things we will ever have to experience in this life. If you've lost a loved one, life for you may become confusing, overwhelming and even unbearable. You want to feel whole again, but the pain is so great you wonder if you will ever be healed. You don't feel like you have the energy to face the challenges that lie ahead.

Our Lord Jesus understands how we feel when we lose someone we love. John tell us, "When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. 'Where have you laid him?' he asked. 'Come and see, Lord,' they replied. Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!'" John 11:33-36

This will be the fourth 13 week Grief Share program to be offered for the people of Glen Burnie UMC and the community. There have been 91 members of the church die since July 2016.

Here are a few of the things you can expect in a Grief Share recovery support group: 1) You will find that there are people who understand your hurts, emotions, and painful experiences; 2) You will get to watch a video seminar featuring top experts on grief and recovery subjects; 3) After viewing the video you will spend time as a support group discussing what was presented in the video and what is going on in your life; 4) You will have a workbook for personal study of the grieving process and to help you sort out your emotions through journaling; 5) You will discover hope for the future.

Grief Share will start on Thursday, April 4th at 9:30 a.m. in the Social Hall.

Peace,

Pastor Ken