

Order of Worship for March 19, 2023

"Faith United Methodist Church's mission is to share God's love and encourage others through worship, and service to our community and beyond."

Prelude: "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" by Martha Sobaje

Welcome & Announcements

***Opening Hymn**

UMH #145 Morning Has Broken

***Call to Worship**

L: Lord, in the world we live in, we are blind to many things.

A: Cure us of our blindness.

L: Lord, shine your light on us today so that we may be healed.

A: Pour out your love, grace, and peace upon us and open our eyes.

L: Lord, open our hearts so that we may worship you this day!

A: And transform our souls so that we may always seek to follow you.

***Illumination Prayer:**

Source of light and love, we come to you this day seeking restoration of our sight. Clear away our blindness and give us a new vision so that we may follow you. Give us strength and confidence to trust in you always. We pray all this in your holy name. Amen

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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.

Choir Anthem: Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley American Folk Hymn TFWS

Scripture:

John 9:1-12

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³ “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶ After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. ⁷ “Go,” he told him, “Wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So, the man went and washed, and came home seeing. ⁸ His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, “Isn’t this the same man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹ Some claimed that he was. Others said, “No, he only looks like him.” But he himself insisted, “I am the man.” ¹⁰ “How then were your eyes opened?” they asked. ¹¹ He replied, “The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So, I went and washed, and then I could see.” ¹² “Where is this man?” they asked him. “I don’t know,” he said.

This is the word of God for the people of God... **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon:

I Can See Clearly Now

Offering Invitation

[Please Note: The offering is in the back of the sanctuary]

***Offering Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Offering Prayer

*Closing Hymn

UMH #451 Be Thou My Vision

Benediction

Postlude: Andante Maestoso by Archangelo Corelli

Joys and Concerns

[Please Note: This is our time to share our prayers of joys and concerns with one another offline—feel free to share as you feel moved]

*Denotes stand if able - **Bold** means in unison

WORSHIP TEAM

Worship Leader: Kate Galop

Liturgist: Michael Adelman

Music Director: Roger LaCross

Stream Team: Jackson Skibel

WELCOME TO FAITH!

We welcome everyone because we all need God in our lives!

We extend a warm welcome to those who could use prayer right now and for those of you who are visiting. Welcome to Faith UMC!