

† Please stand as you are able. People are invited to say **the words in bold aloud.**
You are invited to fill out the prayer and attendance cards in the buckets.

Prelude

Desiree Davis-Omburo

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming the Trinity

Call to Worship

Why are you here?

I want to encounter God and live into God's ways.

I see it! You're in the right place!

This is God's house, and the door is open to you.

Why are you here?

I am seeking God, and I want to live into God's ways.

We see that! You're in the right place.

This is God's house, and the door is open.

Let us worship God.

Let us worship and learn from the Spirit. Amen!

Young Disciples Time

During this time, the young disciples may come forward and afterwards may proceed to the nursery or back to their seats.

† **Opening Hymn**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

UMH 384

Prayer for Illumination

Teaching God, we want to learn your ways. That is part of why we return to your text, because we are hungry to hear and learn from you. As we prepare to listen to your word, may it be for us a Living Word. Calm the noise in us. Meet us here. Speak your truth. Help us to listen. Amen.

Epistle Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

Autumn Boyer

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:15-22

Reader: this is the word of God for us the people of God, **thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Confession—Sanctified Art

Holy God, we want to be lifelong learners, and we want our community to be one that is willing to risk being vulnerable and truthful loving kindness

together. We know community is not easy. It's messy, because we are messy. We know conflict is bound to happen. Forgive us when we thought we had all the answers, assumed we know best, judged others harshly or held onto grudges. Forgive us and cleanse from sin and our bitterness. May we be reconciled to each other. When things are not right, give us courage to say, "Can we talk?" With humility, we pray. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Family of faith, When Peter asked Jesus, "How many times should I forgive?" Jesus responded with abundance. That abundance is for us as well. God's love and grace will never run out. So, hear and rest in this good news: You are forgiven. You are loved. Thanks be to God! Amen.

† **Passing of the Peace**

Sermon

"Can We Talk?"

Pastor Adam

† **Hymn**

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

UMH 560

Prayers of the People and Blessing the Shawls and Blankets

We will be blessing the shawls and blankets, carefully and prayerfully knit together by Knit Purl Pray, which will go to shut-ins and others on the prayer list.

Tithes and Offerings

The Doxology (UMH 94)

Desiree Davis-Omburo

Dedicating our gifts to God

† **Closing Song**

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

UMH 557

† **Benediction**

† **Chiming the Trinity**

† **Postlude**

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Parkwood

United Methodist Church

Announcements

- Please donate to CROP Walk! You may make your check out to Parkwood UMC and put “for CROP Walk,” and place it in the offering plate.
- Jarrod Davis, Creation Care Coordinator for the North and Western Carolina Conferences, and John Rees, Energy Engineer, will be joining us **this Thursday, March 21 @ noon** in the fellowship hall to talk with us about what we can do as individuals and as a congregation to lower our carbon footprint. We will be having a simple meal. Join us!
- We’ll have a **Maundy Thursday** potluck and simple service of Holy Communion and foot-washing on **Thursday, March 28 @ 6 PM**. **There is a sign-up sheet in on the white table by the front entrance—please RSVP to come to Maundy Thursday and to bring a Mediterranean dish!**
- We will also have a **joint Good Friday Service** this year with All Saints UMC and Christus Victor @ **All Saints UMC**. Service will start @ **6:30 PM** with **Stations of the Cross @ 6 PM**. We will have an **Easter Brunch @ 9:30 AM** before our **Easter Service @ 10:30 AM**. There will be an **Easter Egg hunt @ 9:15 AM** for the children.
- **Lectio Divina** small group is on Wednesdays @ noon in-person and online to read a passage of scripture using an ancient practice. Join us for your lunch break! Zoom Meeting ID: 918 5427 7324. If you are interested in attending Lectio Divina and would like to receive a reminder the day of Lectio Divina, please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the white table by the front entrance.
- If you feel interested or called to be a lay liturgist (and help Pastor Adam lead worship), please let Pastor Adam know!



“The Insistent Friend” by Jesus MAFA

Can We Talk?

Sunday, March 17, 2024 • 5th Sunday in Lent