

Service of Worship at Parkwood UMC  
Sunday, February 16 @ 10:30 AM

† Please stand as you are able

*Prelude*

*Welcome*

*Chiming the Trinity*

**Call to Worship**--*Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2024.*

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."

**May we learn to depend on God's abundant provision instead of the world's grasping for wealth as we worship today.**

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled."

**May we learn to follow Christ's call to provide for the hungry as co-creators of God's kingdom as we worship today.**

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."

**May we learn to pay attention to those who suffer and mourn and to extend God's comfort and hope to those who need it as we worship today.**

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man."

**May our worship teach us to rejoice in that day and every day as we live out the good news in our families, neighborhoods, community, and world!**

† *Opening Hymn*

The Goodness of God

*The children ages 0-5 may be dismissed with volunteers to the nursery, and parents need to sign their children in and out.*

† *Hymn*

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

*Prayer for Illumination*

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

*Old Testament Reading*

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

Rosemary Marlowe

*Gospel Reading*

Luke 6:17-26

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

*Prayer of Confession*—*Written by Kwasi Kena in The Africana Worship Book, Year C (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2008), 144.*

Merciful Lord, we pause to confess that sometimes we have turned our minds, our hearts, and our souls away from You. We have wandered. We have a hard time trusting. We've made mistakes. Please, forgive us. Teach us the joy of righteousness. Set us on the right path and redirect us to love You with our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and love our neighbor, as ourselves—and may we recommit and reorient our lives and actions towards a love that moves beyond feelings. Amen.

*Silent Confession*

*Words of Assurance*

Hear this good news: Jesus looks at each of us with love, doesn't know us by our sin, but knows us for who we really are and who we are called to be. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People (to leader): In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**All: Glory to God! Amen.**

† *Passing of the Peace*

*At this time, you may greet your neighbor with signs of peace*

*Offering and Song*



The Ploughshare Prayer by Spencer LaJoye

*The Doxology (to the tune on UMH 95)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God all creatures high and low.**

**Praise God, in Jesus fully known:**

**Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Amen.**

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*Sermon*

"Love Made Plain"

Rev. Adam Benson

*Prayers of the People*

*At this time, if you have a person or concern weighing on you that you would like for us to pray, please hold up your prayer card in the air and an usher will be by to collect it.*

† *Closing Hymn*

We are Marching (Siyahamba)

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† *Announcements and Benediction*

Rev. Adam Benson

† *Chiming the Trinity*

† *Postlude*