Parkwood UMC Service of Worship
2nd Sunday of Lent
March 16, 2025

† Please stand as you are able.

Prelude ***QR Code for Nursery***
Welcome ***Sign-In and Out Log***
Chiming the Trinity

Call to Worship—*Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries*

Children of God, when you are surrounded on every side by shadows that frighten and voices that deride and confuse, what do you say?
God is our light and our salvation! Whom shall we fear?
When threats bombard you from every corner, stealing the security and peace you long for, what do you say?
God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?
When anxiety and loneliness overwhelm and you do not know who or what to trust any more, what do you say?
Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!
Because God knows our suffering. God makes a home among us, welcoming us to come home to God and one another.
Come! Let us worship God who hides us in the day of trouble and conceals us together under the cover of the tent of Love.

†***Opening Hymn*** "Come, Now is the Time"(x2) **WS 3176**

Young Disciples Time
The young disciples are invited to come forward, and afterwards, children ages 0-5 may proceed to the nursery with the volunteers. Parents must use the new QR code at the top to sign your child in/out.

†***Hymn*** "Gather Us In" **TFWS 2236**

Prayer for Illumination

Since we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth, make us hunger for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Gospel Reading Luke 13:31-35 Autumn Boyer
2nd Gospel Reading John 15:1-11

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

Prayer of Confession—*by Bishop Will Willimon* Autumn Boyer
Lord, during these forty days in Lent, enable us to see all the ways that we have forsaken you, have turned away from your will for our lives, and have betrayed your love for us. Give us the courage to count our sins, to be honest about our faults, and then to return to your way. Loving Lord, whose property is always to forgive, grant us the grace to see not only the error of our crooked ways but also the wonder of your gracious embrace. Please forgive us of our sins, so we might be renewed, returned, restored, by your love. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness
All of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. The good news is Jesus forgives us so we can repent and be gathered back under the safety and protection of our God, like a mother hen gathers her chicks. In Jesus, we are given a new start. Thanks be to God.

Peace of Christ
At this time, you are invited to stand and greet your neighbor offering signs of peace.

Offering and Song "Your Grace is Enough" **WS 3106**

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.

PUMC QR Code to Give

Sermon "What's Repentance Got to Do with It?" Rev. Adam Benson

Prayers of the People
We will have a moment of silent prayer, you may say the name aloud of a person you want to lift up in prayer. God knows the need. We will end with the Lord's Prayer.

†***Closing Song*** "Lord of the Dance" **UMH 261**
†***Announcements***
†***Benediction***
†***Chiming the Trinity***
†***Postlude*** Desiree Davis-Omburo