

Parkwood UMC Service of Worship
3rd Sunday of Lent
March 23, 2025

† Please stand as you are able.



**QR Code for Nursery
Sign-In and Out Log**

Prelude
Welcome
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 Thou Fount” **UMH 400**

After this hymn, 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 and out.

† **Song** “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)” by Matt Redmann

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.

Old Testament Reading 1 Kings 3:1-15

Epistle Reading Romans 12:1-6

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



“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

UMH 454

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

Rev. Amie Stewart

Choir Anthem "Lonesome Valley/We Shall Walk" arranged by Tyler Mabry and Victoria Schwarz"

Prayers of the People

After our petitions, we will end with the Lord's Prayer.

† **Closing Song** “Build Your Kingdom Here” by Rend Collective Experiment

† **Announcements**

† **Benediction**

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† **Chiming the Trinity**

† **Postlude**

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