


St. Mark's
United Methodist
Changing the world through Christ,
by caring for all people.

Traditional Service

February 18, 2018



Connecting to God and One Another
First Sunday of Lent - Called by Name

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Connecting to God - Voice of God Within Us

February 18, 2018

8:15 and 9:45 AM Traditional Worship

Please remember to silence your cell phone.

**Please stand as you are comfortable.*

PREPARATION

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

Isaiah 43:1b

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please fill out your prayer request cards during this time. Pass only prayer requests that you wish to have read aloud to the center aisles at this time.

PRELUDE

"Here I Am, Lord"
Bells of St. Mark's

D. Schutte/arr. A. Sherman

INTROIT

"Lord, Speak to Me"
Chancel Choir (8:15)

R. Schumann and Havergal

"Surely the Presence of the Lord Is In This Place"
Celebration Singers (9:45)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Holy God, before time you named us, through time you redeem us. You call us, precious in your sight.

People: May we love as you love, and serve you.

Leader: Holy One, through the turbulent waters, make us steady, your hands holding strong the fragile and weak.

People: May we love as you love, and serve you with faith.

Leader: Gracious God, may the fruits of our lives be food for the hungry: bread, clothing, shelter, fire, water, Word.

People: May we love as you love, and serve only you.

Leader: Loving God, take this day our fears, worries and distractions. We give all of them into your heart. Hearing, following your call.

People: May we love as you love, and praise you always!

***OPENING HYMN**

“We Sing to You, O God”

The Faith We Sing, No. 2001

OPENING PRAYER

O God, This day, this step, this path, we come to honor you. You have set us here, so then we will walk with you and one another, to your glory. Let the waters of life wash our souls clean, let the fire and raging rivers within us inspire passion for you, and not fear. For you, O God, are with us. By your mercy, you call us and promise to be with as we seek to love and serve you. May we not be overwhelmed, but be drawn ever closer into your love and life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

BAPTISM OF ELLA MAYE CRAIG (9:45)

Parents: Alex & Andrea Craig

Godparents: Joseph & Kristin Brennan; Jacob & Emily Craig; Robert Roth

SUNG RESPONSE

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”
(stanzas 1 & 2)

UMH, No. 611

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

Old Testament, p. 672

TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

(Sing first stanza of *Jesus Loves Me*, #191, as children gather.)

OFFERING OF MUSIC

“Thou Hidden Love of God” (8:15) Aaron McDermid, arranger

“I Can Do All Things” (9:45)

Callaway

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:16-20

New Testament, p. 35

MESSAGE

“Called By Name”

Rev. Sharon Ragland

(First in the series, *Connecting to God... the Voice of God Within Us*)

CALL TO PRAYER

“Breathe”

Worship & Song, No. 3112

(see video monitors)

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

“Come Sunday” (8:15)

Duke Ellington

“Jesus Lord, Hear Our Prayer” (9:45)

OFFERING

Offertory

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Lee Afdahl

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

UMH, No. 94

*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”
(stanzas 1 - 3)

UMH, No. 420

*SUNG BENEDICTION

“Shalom to You”

UMH, No. 666

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

Webb/arr. Sciveyner