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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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10:00 AM

Second Sunday of Lent

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE

PRELUDE: "Green Pastures" A. Louis Scarmolin

*CALL TO WORSHIP: from Psalm 121 (King James Version)
I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Let us praise the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE: "Lift High the Cross", vs. 1,3,5
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*CALL TO CONFESSION:

O God, we confess that we have been far more ready to say we believe than to trust you to lead us to new ventures of faithfulness. We admire Jesus, but it is difficult to follow in footsteps that lead to a cross. Save us from our timidity, and use our doubts as an entry to deeper faith. Amen.

*MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Our lives are in God's hands. We can only glimpse the mystery of the Source of love. Yet, as we look up in trust, there comes an abiding assurance that we are not alone. Receive the rebirth God offers this day and for all eternity.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

OLD TESTAMENT: Exodus 20:8-11

EPISTLE: Philippians 4: 6-8

*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6: 25-34

SERMON: untitled

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" #293 NCH/screen

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*You are invited to pray each week for a specific family or individual from our Congregation, in addition to those on our prayer list. Today we lift up in prayer **the family of** . Prayers for healing:*

LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSE: "Shepherd, Lead"

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OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES

INVITATION:

OFFERTORY "Whispering Hope"

Alice Hawthorne

*DOXOLOGY:

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

May these gifts bring new life:

Hope to the despairing, confidence to the faltering

Peace to the suffering, faith to the doubting

A word to the questioning.

Bless these gifts in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN: "We Are Called"

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Ease on Down the Road”

Charles Smalls

*Those who are able, please stand.

Our Church Workers for today:

Worship Leader – Nancy Eisenhauer

Organist – Sharon Banjavcic

Lector -

Ushers –

Activities of the church:

Monday -

Tuesday – Boy Scouts in evening

Wednesday – Lenten dinner and Bible study. Join us at 6:00 p.m. for a light supper and bible study of the 23rd Psalm.

Pennies for Mission go to the Heifer Project this month. The children of the church thank you for your generous support of their mission.