

*Our Mission:
Love God
Love Others
Make Disciples*



*Our Vision:
Be the hands
and feet
of Christ*

**February 28, 2021
Order of Worship
Second Sunday of Lent**

Prelude
Greeting

Call to Worship

Pilgrims, we are invited to journey through this season of Lent
towards the One who calls us each by a new name.

Disciples, we walk with Jesus wherever he leads us,
pulling our fears, our doubts, our longings behind us.

Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us,
whose promises take on flesh and blood in the good news called Jesus.

Opening Prayer

Though people may turn
their backs on us,
you do not hide
your face from us.

Though others may try
to take away our hope,
you assure us of
that future waiting for us.

You speak your name,
Inscrutable Creator,
and it is enough.

When we try to dictate
our fears to you,
you invite us to follow you
into self-denial and service.

As we struggle to shape
our lifestyle to yours,
you carry us with you
wherever we go.

You speak your good news,

Teacher of open hearts,
and it is enough.

Though we have done
nothing to earn them,
you pour out the gifts
of grace and mercy upon us.
When we stumble
over our lack of trust,
you set us back on our feet,
to follow you into the kingdom.
You speak your peace,
Breath of Holiness,
and it is enough. **AMEN.**

Opening Hymn

Christ, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 550, vs. 1 & 2

**Christ, from whom all blessings flow,
perfecting the saints below,
hear us, who thy nature share,
who thy mystic body are.**

**Join us, in one spirit join,
let us still receive of thine;
still for more on thee we call,
thou who fillest all in all.**

Black History Moment

Eileen Kensinger

Concerns of the Community

Pastoral Prayer

The 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.

**Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labor to pursue;
thee, only thee, resolved to know
in all I think or speak or do.**

**For thee delightfully employ
what e'er thy bounteous grace hath given;
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with thee to heaven.**

Young Disciples' Time

Charlie Walden

Anthem

Would I Have Answered When You Called

Scripture Reading

Mark 8:31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Road Is Not Easy"

Pastor Orr

Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

**O see the little baby
lying in a manger
on Christmas morning.**

Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

**See Jesus in the temple
talking to the elders
how they all marveled!**

Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

**See Jesus at the sea shore
preaching to the people,
healing all the sick ones!**

Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

**See Jesus on the cross
bearing all my sins
in bitter agony!**

Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

**Yes, Jesus died to save us,
rose on Easter morning,
and lives forever!**

Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

**We're singing Alleluia!
Jesus is my Savior,
who lives forever!**

Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

Benediction

Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher.....Pastor Freddie Orr
Liturgist..... Valerie Orr
Music Director David Forbus
Accompanist..... Laura Benton
A/V Team Cary Marsalis, Jay Marsh
..... Theodore Sappore

Traditional Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Live Online