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Conceal Me

Second Sunday of Lent

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship



**** P – Pastor Bold – C: Congregation responds ****

P: Children of God, when you are surrounded on every side by shadows that frighten and voices that deride and confuse, what do you say?

C: God is our light and our salvation! Whom shall we fear?

P: When threats bombard you from every corner, stealing the security and peace you long for, what do you say?

C: God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?

P: When anxiety and loneliness overwhelm and you do not know who or what to trust any more, what do you say?

C: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

P: Because God knows our suffering. God makes a home among us, welcoming us to come home to God and one another.

C: 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.

Our Statement of Faith – The Apostles Creed p. 881 UM

**** All to recite in unison ****

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

The Gloria Patri p. 70 UMH

*Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

Opening Hymn – Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty
p. 64 UMH vv. 1, 3, & 4

Sharing Our Praises & Prayers

Prayers of of the People, Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

**** P – Pastor Bold – C: Congregation responds ****

P: Loving God, We pray for those in our community who are bombarded with troubles, surrounded on all sides by threats to their well-being, their livelihood, and their thriving. God, be their shelter in the time of storm.

C: God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

P: We pray for those in our community who long for peace, those who are burnt out, shut out, and ready to hide out because it all

feels like too much. God, be their shelter in the time of storm.

C: God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

P: We pray for those in our world who can't remember what safety feels like, who, after years of violence and unrest, cannot imagine what a day, a week, a year without fighting would feel like. God, be their shelter in the time of storm.

C: God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

P: God, teach us to be your sanctuary in the world. Give us the courage to make peace, extend care, and provide for the thriving of all who wonder how they will even survive. Help us be their shelter in the time of storm.

C: God, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen!

Offering – Ushers come forward

Doxology p. 95 UMH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson – Psalm 27:1-6 (NRSVue)

**** L – Leader Bold – C: Congregation responds ****

L: ¹The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

C: ²When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh - my adversaries and foes - they shall stumble and fall.

L: ³Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

C: ⁴One thing I asked of the Lord; this I seek: to live in the house of

the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

L: ⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

C: ⁶ **Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

Hymn – God of Grace and God of Glory p. 577 UMH

New Testament Reading – Luke 13:31-35 (NRSVue)

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³² He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’ ”

Sermon – Conceal Me

Closing Hymn – Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling p. 348 UMH

Benediction & Commission

Go, now, in the blessing of God who conceals you in the tent of God's love, that you may invite others to come home and be sheltered in God's love for eternity. Amen!

Lectionary Readings for the week beginning March 17, 2025

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

Announcements

- Easter Lilies will again be available for purchase for placement in the church until Easter Sunday. The price is \$13.50 per lily. Please let Faye Seats know by March 23rd if you wish to make a purchase. Also, let Faye know if you are purchasing a lily as a memorial or honorarium.
- Gifts have been given to the glory of God and in memory of Harold Langley by Scott and Anne McHone, Jackie Seats, Susie Seats-Edwards and Randy Edwards, Frances V. Gough, Tricia and Ann Wallace, and Faye Seats

Prayer List

Steve and Lena Gough

All who are serving our country at home and abroad

Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner

Frank Dalton

Sherry Doub

Frances V. Gough

Family of Harold Langley

Wanda Needham

Barbara Perryman

Frances Sisk

Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost

Tammy Seats Boyd

Jimmy & Deborah Branch

Jane Bullin

Leisha Carpenter

Joe Dean

Ruby Driver

Mack Edwards

Joanne Everhart

Mary File

Garry Harbin

Kathy Harbin

Lynda Harper

Ronald Howell

Amber Lambert

Jeannette Lanier

Kevin McBride

Kevin McDaniel

Mark Megela

Dawn Proctor

Jay D. Prevette

Vivian Royal

Mary Ellen Smith

Kim Triplette

Mark Wall

Ann Wallace

Robert and Susan Warren

Savannah Wooten

March Birthdays

Mary Jane Disher

2

Savannah Owen

10

Nyk Travis

7

Elizabeth Mark

11

Leroy Burton

8

Niki Pardue

11

David Luck

9

Joshua Doub

23

Peter Hogg

10

Hank Disher

23

Silas Hogg

10

Jimmy McBride

30

Wesley Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee, or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen!