

**Order of Worship**  
**Friendship United Methodist Church**  
**Sunday March 16, 2025**

*Please turn off the internet connection on your cell phones or place them in "Airplane Mode."*

**Gathering**  
**Greeting/Announcements**

***"This Is The Day"***

**\*Call to Worship**

**from Psalm 27**

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

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

**L:** One thing I asked of the Lord;  
this I seek: to live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,

**P:** *to behold the beauty of the Lord,  
and to inquire in his temple.*

**All:** *O come, let us worship the Lord!*

**Opening Prayer**

**Shirley Waldrum**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

**UMH #139**

***"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"***

*Praise to the Lord,  
the Almighty, the King of creation.  
O my soul, praise him,  
for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear,  
now to his temple draw near;  
join me in glad adoration!*

*Praise to the Lord, who o'er all  
things so wondrously reigning,  
Bears thee on eagles wings,*

*E'er in his keeping maintaining.  
God's care enfolds  
All, whose true good he upholds  
Hast thou not known his sustaining?*

*Praise to the Lord,  
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness  
and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
who with his love doth befriend thee.*

*Praise to the Lord,  
who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,  
Fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.  
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wings of  
grace o'er thee.*

*Praise to the Lord!  
O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath,  
come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly forever adore him.*

**Prayer of Confession**

***All: Almighty and everlasting God, throughout the ages you have called forth your children to be a source of blessing to the world. You have made your covenant with them and with us, to be a guide to all who walk with you. All this has been a gift of grace. Yet they and we have too often taken your grace for granted. We have naively laughed in the face of that grace, for your love and care for us is so foreign to our human inclinations and our ability to understand it. Today we offer our confession and seek, once again, the healing grace that gives us confidence in your eternal covenant. Grant us the strength and courage to walk with you in this season of Lent, that your grace may live in us. Through***

***Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

**P:** As forgiven and reconciled people, let us raise our voices to  
God in Praise!

**\*Gloria Patri**

**UMH # 70**

**Scripture Reading**

**Luke 13:31-35**

*At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." 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. 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.' 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! 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.' "*

**L:** This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

**P:** *Thanks be to God!*

**Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Debra Jackson**

*As the Spirit leads, those worshipping in person may place their gifts  
in the offering plates located near the doors of the sanctuary.*

**\*The Doxology**

**UMH # 95**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him, all creatures here below  
Praise him, above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

**Children's Time**

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns/Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer**

*During this time, the congregation is invited to offer up their concerns  
for others by speaking their name or by typing their name into the*

*"chat" box on Facebook. Please offer only their first name to protect  
their privacy. After each name is raised, let the congregation respond:*

***"Lord, hear our prayer."***

**Hymn of Celebration**

**UMH #261**

***"Lord of the Dance"***

*I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.*

*[Refrain:]*

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
they came to me and the dance went on. (Refrain)*

*I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame,  
the holy people said it was a shame;  
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;  
and they left me there on a cross to die. (Refrain)*

*I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;  
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
but I am the dance and I still go on. (Refrain)*

*They cut me down and I leapt up high,  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (Refrain)*

**Hymn of Preparation**

**UMH # 174**

***“His Name is Wonderful”***

*His Name is Wonderful. His Name is Wonderful  
His Name is Wonderful. Jesus My Lord*

*He is the Mighty King, Master of everything  
His Name is Wonderful. Jesus My Lord*

*He’s the Great shepherd. The Rock of All Ages  
Almighty God is He*

*Bow down before Him, Love and adore Him.  
His Name is Wonderful. Jesus My Lord*

**Message**

*“Gathered In”*

**Rev. Spore**

**Hymn of Discipleship**

***“Pass Me Not”***

*Pass me not, O gentle Savior,  
hear my humble cry;  
while on others thou art calling,  
do not pass me by.*

*Refrain:*

*Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;  
while on others thou art calling,  
do not pass me by.*

*Let me at thy throne of mercy  
find a sweet relief,  
kneeling there in deep contrition;  
help my unbelief.  
(Refrain)*

*Trusting only in thy merit,  
would I seek thy face;  
heal my wounded, broken spirit,  
save me by thy grace.  
(Refrain)*

*Thou the spring of all my comfort,  
more than life to me,  
whom have I on earth beside thee?  
Whom in heaven but thee?  
(Refrain)*

**Benediction**

**Opportunities for Involvement and Ministry**

**Each Sunday**

9:50 – Sunday School  
11:00 – Worship

**Each Wednesday**

Friendship Crafters – 10:00  
Bible Study – 12:00

**Sunday, March 30**

Covered Dish Lunch (*after worship*)

**Wednesday, April 2**

Ministry Team – 1:30

**Worship Leaders**

Rev. Roy Spore – Pastor  
Shirley Waldrum – Music leader  
Debra Jackson – Pianist  
Karen Spore – Technical Assistant  
Janie Epperly – Lay Reader

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