

ORDER OF WORSHIP - FEBRUARY 18, 2024
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

Bishop Al Gwinn

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF JESUS

PRELUDE

Dr. James Humlong

A Prayer of Meditation
Mary McDonald

INTROIT

Chancel Choir

In God Alone
Jacques Berthier

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Joan Wooden

As we enter into this season of Lent, we earnestly seek to be godly.
We have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people.
Therefore we must return to the Lord our God,
for God is gracious.
Confess to the Lord our God,
for God is merciful.
Repent to the Lord our God,
for God is slow to anger.
Praise the Lord our God,
for God abounds in steadfast love.
Worship the Lord our God.
Together, let us worship God!

***HYMN 140**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

***AFFIRMATION FROM 1 TIMOTHY 2:5-6; 1:15; 3:16**

There is one God
and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus,
who came as a ransom for all,
to whom we testify.

**The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance:
That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners,
and was manifested in the flesh,
vindicated in the Spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed in throughout the world,
taken up in glory.
Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kathy Philpot

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Joan Wooden

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, Jesus taught us to love you with all our heart,
soul, mind and strength.

Jesus taught us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Jesus taught us to trust you completely.

We confess that we have often failed to learn,

and what we have learned we have often failed to put into practice.

Forgive us, we pray, in the name of Jesus, the great teacher. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news:

God is ever more ready to forgive than we are to acknowledge
our need for forgiveness.

Receive God's gift of forgiveness in Christ and walk in newness of life.

Glory to God. Amen.

HYMN 395

stanzas 1 and 2

Take Time to Be Holy

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dennis Burrows

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

More Love to Thee

Timothy Shaw

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

*PRAYER OF BLESSING

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Loretta Barnes

1 Timothy 4: 8-16

Train yourself in godliness, for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.

These are the things you must insist on and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Bishop Al Gwinn

"Train Yourself to be Godly"

***HYMN 421**

Make Me a Captive, Lord

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Fugue in g minor, BWV 578
J. S. Bach

Dr. James Humlong

This morning's liturgy:

Call to Worship - adapted from a Call to Worship~ written by Rev. Daniel
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