

February 14, 2024, 7:00 pm



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WELCOME! We are glad you are here

Please complete the Attendance Pad located in each pew. Pass it to the next person. When the last person completes it, return the pad to its original place, looking at the names of persons in your pew. Greet one another at the conclusion of our worship.

PRELUDE

Sue Combs

WELCOME

Pastor Mark

UMH 451

*OPENING HYMN "Be Thou My Vision"

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Holy and Merciful One,

in this season of discernment we come bringing our deepest longings, and our failed attempts at satisfying them. We have often looked for love in things that cannot give us love. **We yearn for lives that matter**,

we desire relationships that thrive, we want less regret.

At times we fail to see that you have already given us what really matters: your love and acceptance. You provide opportunities all around us to make a difference in the lives of others. You give us a fresh start each day, inviting us to do better.

In this silence, we bring to you our pleas for openness to a different way of living.

Silence

My friends, be assured by the Psalmist who says, "God has mercy according to God's steadfast love." Let us respond together:

We open our hearts, our minds, our souls, our vision to the ways of love created by God, embodied in Jesus,

and already moving in us by the Spirit. We are forgiven, loved, and freed!

Amen!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE The love and peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

*HYMN	"Just As I am"	UMH 357 verse 1
FIRST READING	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17	
*HYMN	"Just As I am"	UMH 357 verse 2
SECOND READING	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	
SERMON	"Dust"	Pastor Mark
PRAYERS AND ASHES Contemplating Our True Treasures and The Things That Distract Us		
IMPOSITION OF ASHES		
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION		
CLOSING HYMN	"The Old Rugged Cross"	UMH 504
*BENEDICTION Go forth into the world, looking for love in all the right places! We will look for signs of Love, making the true treasures of our lives the center of our hearts!		
*POSTLUDE		
(*Please rise in body or spirit)		



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