

# Order of Worship

Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

The liturgical color is purple symbolizing the season of self denial.

*We lift up prayers for the community, our church family, staff, ministers,  
and for the work of Christ in the world.*

**Pre-service Music 11:00AM**

“Jesus Loves Me”

*Children’s Hand Bells & Hand Chimes  
Roselle Williamson, Piano*

**Prelude**

“O Perfect Life of Love”

arr. Thomas Canning

**Call to Worship**

“Change My Heart”

**Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.  
You are the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.**

**Welcome**

Rev. Dr. George K. Howle

**\* Opening Hymn**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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**\* Affirmation of Faith**

Rev. Howle

**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**

**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.**

**Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Meredith M. Dark

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Children’s Message**

Julia Brooks

*(11AM—Children, Age 3-grade 5, may be dismissed to the Chapel with Miss Julia.)*

**\* Hymn of Preparation**

“How Great Thou Art”

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**Sermon Text**

I Corinthians 1:18-25

Willa Wrenn **8:30**  
Naomi D’Antignac **11:00**

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to those who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: *“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”* Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs, and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

**Anthem**

“There Is Power”

Lincoln Brewster

Grant Nesmith, *Guitar*

**Sermon**

“The Message of the Cross”

Bishop Gary Rivas

**\* Closing Hymn**

“Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart”

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**\* Benediction**

Bishop Rivas

**Postlude**

“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

arr. J.G. Walther

(\* Please stand as you are able.)

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**“God of Grace and God of Glory”**

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church’s story, bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children’s warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal, lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

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**“How Great Thou Art”**

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

***Then sings my soul, my Savior “God to thee; how great thou art; how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!***

When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;  
***[Refrain]***

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin; ***[Refrain]***

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! ***[Refrain]***

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**“Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart”**

Rejoice, ye pure in heart; rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

***Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.***

Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore,  
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.

***Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.***

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The **Flowers** that beautify our sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of  
The Reverend Needham R. Williamson, Sr. by Dr. & Mrs. Doug (Joyce) Rawls.

**Flowers are needed for the following dates: March 21.** To place flowers in honor or in memory  
of a loved one, please contact Jennifer Julian in the church office, 843-448-7164 x207 or  
jennifer@fumcmb.org.

We welcome those visiting with us today and pray that you will experience the presence of Christ  
in our worship together.

Sunday Worship may be viewed Live on Facebook at 8:30AM or on the website  
(www.fumcmb.org), on our mobile app, or on FOX TV Sundays at 10AM on channel 7 (one week  
delay).

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**Assisting in Worship**

**Ushers**

**8:30** Harry Branton, Jerry Champion, Greg Clemmons, Ronald Eldridge, Judy Hall, Roger Hall,  
Jack Rebeck, Toby Ward

**11:00** Neal Bowers, Preston Bowers, Don Myers, Annette Willett, Ed Willett

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