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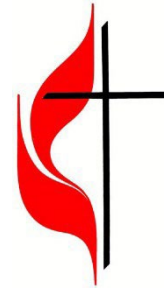
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***Order of Worship
The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 30, 2025***

WELCOME

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church. We are happy you've chosen to worship with us today. Let us begin our time together by thanking God for being so loving and merciful to us. Come, let us worship the Lord!

PRELUDE

"Prelude #1"

Pachelbells

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God loves us with unwavering love.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!

God loves us with a great love, rich in mercy.

Let us have faith to receive this grace!

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

*HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

UMH No. 384

OPENING PRAYER

Great and loving God, we set aside this time for worship as an act of faith, believing that you are not only among us, but that you love us. It is often hard to recognize your love, see your mercy, and feel your presence. Help us in our worship today, that we might be transparent to your grace, as you reveal yourself to each one of us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

We live fractured lives, and God seeks not to punish us for our mistakes but to reconcile and restore us. Trusting in God's grace and mercy, let us make our confession together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of comfort and God of challenge, we come to you this morning the way the Israelites did, full of complaints and dissatisfaction. Nothing is enough; we do not recognize your blessing at work in our day to day lives. Forgive us when we become so comfortable that we moan and groan about the most insignificant details of our lives. In our complaints, challenge us to consider the bigger picture of oppression, injustice, and inequality around us. Forgive us when we close our eyes for fear of what you might show us. Open our eyes until we see what you see in your children and in this world. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

We are blessed because God's image resides deep within each of us. So, let us return God's blessing by the way we love others. Hear the Good News of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

(8:30 AM)

"Jesus, Name Above All Names"

TFWS No. 2071

**Jesus, name above all names,
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us,
blessed Redeemer, living Word.**

(11:00 AM)

"Wait on the Lord"

Chancel Choir

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Paul talks about how, in Christ, we regard no one from a worldly point of view. If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation, and God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

This lesson is about the parables of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin, and the Prodigal Son, emphasizing God's immense love, mercy, and compassion towards sinners and the importance of repentance and forgiveness in the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN *“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”* UMH No. 348

SERMON *“Extravagant Grace”* *Rev. Judy Emerson*

ANTHEM *“Seek Ye First”* *Pachelbells*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

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Offertory(11:00 AM)

“Unbounded Grace”

Chancel Choir

*Presentation of Gifts

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH No. 95

*Tune: Old 100th Published by the
General Board of Discipleship of the UMC*

**Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God’s love in Christ into our hearts.
Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

God of Light, you gave us your only son so that we may experience eternal life. We humbly give our offerings as a faithful response to this gift. Money seems so insignificant when compared to your gift of life. Yet, we offer our gifts to you as a sacrificial gesture of our gratitude. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*HYMN *“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”* TFWS No. 2151

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

*POSTLUDE