

First UMC
A United Methodist Community
In Moorestown, New Jersey
*"A community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ
with a hurting world through words and actions."*

March 7, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE Holy Manna Adult Handbell Choir

WELCOME Pastor Tom Korkuch

GATHERING MUSIC Son of God / O How I Love Jesus

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: This is the third step on our Lenten Journey.

**People: It is on this journey that we will face the ways that dishonor
and anger can enter into our lives.**

Leader: **It is on this journey that God will confront us.**

People: Our hearts are ready to receive God.

Leader: Come, then, and let us move forward toward the Cross.

People: Let us faithfully and confidently follow Jesus. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

**O God, you know even the deepest thoughts in our hearts yet in your mercy you love us.
So often we have failed to see your love and presence in our lives. So often we have lived
as though Jesus did not die for us and the cross was not real. So often we act as though
you are too distant to really understand our problems in life. Forgive us, O God, and help
us to remember how much you gave that we might know your Love. Give us the strength
to love and accept others even as you have loved and forgiven us. In Christ we pray.
Amen.**

PSALTER READING Psalm 19 (UMH 750)

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In them God has set a tent for the sun, which comes forth like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and runs its course with joy like a strong man.

**Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them;
and there is nothing hid from its heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever;

the ordinances of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold,
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can understand one's own errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

Also keep your servant from the insolent; let them not have dominion over me!

**Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor HeyYoung Horton

CELEBRATING OUR GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

MUSIC MINISTRY

Open the Door to Love

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:21-22, 43-44

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²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ⁴³“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

SERMON

“Word of Life: Honor and Mercy”

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LITURGY FOR HOLY COMMUNION

CLOSING MUSIC

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BENEDICTION

SENDING MUSIC

In Your Presence, O God

THE CHANCEL BOUQUET: has been given anonymously to the glory of God and in honor of the women in the Adult Choir with March birthdays: Laurie Duffin, Susan Rapp, Fay Ferris, Joyce Scheyhing, Peggy Deffley, Cheryl Jones-Holaday and the late Barbara Englebrecht.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Anne Grogan (daughter of Dee Dee Langshaw), Doug Nemeth (son of Dot & Zollie Nemeth), John Chwastyk, Mary Raroha, John & Catharine Carty, Pati Anne Feeley (daughter-in-law of Jan & Jack Feeley), Nancy Gager (Paul Gager's sister), Emmy Cahilly (11 yr. old niece of Shelly & Greg Kinkaid), Madison Luyber - her parents, Julie and Tony (friends of the Bewleys), Dan LaFon, Donna Lasoski, Walter Colby (brother-in-law of Jan & Jack Feeley).

SONGS FOR MARCH 7, 2021

SON OF GOD (by Neufeld, Cash & Cochran)

Son of God, shaper of the stars, You alone, the dweller of my heart.

Mighty king, how beautiful You are, how beautiful.

Son of God, the Father's gift to us,
you alone, were broken on the altar of love.

Precious lamb, our freedom's in Your blood, it's in Your blood.

Chorus: Jesus, oh holy one, I sing to You, forgiven.

Savior, I'm overcome with Your great love for me.

Son of God, strength beyond compare, You alone the darkness cannot bear.

Lord of all, Your kindness draws me near, it draws me.

Son of God, prophecy of old, You alone, redeemer of my soul.

Come again and lead Your people home, come lead us home. (chorus)

You are worthy, You are worthy, You are worthy of all my praise.

You are beautiful, You are beautiful, I will lift up my hands and sing. (repeat) (chorus)

(worshiptogether.com)

O HOW I LOVE JESUS (by Frederick Whitfield)

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth:

it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

Refrain: O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,

O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free;

it tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea. (Refrain)

It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe;

who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below. (Refrain)

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OPEN THE DOOR TO LOVE (N. Dorrell, S. Donat)

Jesus is having a party, and it's the greatest bash that's ever been thrown.

He sent out everybody a written invitation cause he doesn't want to party alone. (repeat verse 1)

Chorus: We gotta open up the door to love, Jesus wants us safe inside. Open up the door to love, none who ask will be denied. O don't you follow where the world leads just look into your heart, listen to the spirit, that's the place to start! Open up, open up, open up the door to love.

Who should you ask to get through the door? Who do you have to know? JESUS!!

Know him in your heart, bear your cross every day, hey friend you're good to go. (chorus)

Chorus: Open up, open up, you've got to. Open up, open up you want to.

Open up, open up you need to. Open up, open up! (Public Domain)

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING (by Charles Wesley)

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never, never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise. (*Public Domain*)

IN YOUR PRESENCE, O GOD (by Lynn DeShazo)

*Chorus: In Your presence, that's where I am strong,
in Your presence, O Lord, my God;
In Your presence, that's where I belong, seeking Your face, touching Your grace,
in the cleft of the Rock in Your presence, O God.*

I want to go where the rivers cannot overflow me, where my feet are on a Rock;
I want to hide where the blazing fire cannot burn me, in Your presence, O God. (chorus)

I want to hide where the flood of evil cannot reach me,
where I'm covered by Your blood;
I want to be where the schemes of darkness cannot touch me,
in Your presence, O God. (chorus)

Bridge: You are my firm foundation, I trust in You all day long; I am Your child and Your servant,
and You are my strength and my song, You're my song. *Chorus (1995 Integrity's Hosanna!
Music)*