



Faith United Methodist Church

6810 Montrose Road, Rockville, Maryland 20852

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 10, 2019

10:00 a.m.

**Please stand with heart or posture The People's Responses Are in Bold Print*
UMH=United Methodist Hymnal PB=Pew Bible

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

GATHERING AND MEDITATION

As you enter and take your seat, please respect those around you who use this time to quietly center themselves and prepare their hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

Vision

Josef Rheinberger

(As the Prelude begins, please observe silence)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendship Books – Please record your attendance and pass the book to those next to you.

First Time Visitors – Please complete the yellow card and place it in the offering plate later in the service.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty, and will say of the LORD,
"God is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

If you say, "The LORD is my refuge,"
and you make the Most High your dwelling,
no harm will overtake us,
no disaster will come near our tents.

For the Lord will command the angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

The angels will lift us up in their hands,
so that we will not strike a foot against a stone.

We will tread on the lion and the cobra;
we will trample the great lion and the serpent.

"Because you love me," says the LORD, "I will rescue you."

God will protect us, for we acknowledge God's holy name.

"When you call on me, I will answer you;

I will be with you in trouble, I will deliver you and honor you.

With long life the Lord will satisfy us and show us God's salvation."

*OPENING HYMN

God of Love and God of Power

UMH #578

PRAYER OF MORNING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of lonely journeys and difficult decisions,

we seek the guidance of your word. You challenge us and send us forth.

You welcome us and provide us refuge.

Amid temptations you point out the better way,

and in our troubles you show forth the path of salvation.

Speak to us now, that we may hear and respond. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD AND FAITHFULLY RESPOND

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. Joye Jones

Children in Preschool through Grade 4 may go to Sunday School afterwards.

ANTHEM

Just As I Am
Chancel Choir

Bob Chilcott

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let us pray.

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit that,

as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,

we may hear with joy what you have to say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:1-13

PB, NT page 61

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“So Tempting”

Rev. Joye Jones

*HYMN OF FAITH

Through It All

UMH #507

SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING (See Insert)

GIVING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH# 94

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We come to your altar with exceeding joy,

grateful that you are with us in all the storms of life, dear God.

We want to lend our support to others facing trying days and difficult decisions.

Use our offerings to that end, we pray,

and equip us to be instruments of your truth and your love, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD, PASTORAL PRAYER

If you have a prayer request that you would like to have listed in the bulletin or given to the Prayer Chain, please complete one of the white cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Offer to those around you this ancient greeting:

May the peace of Christ be with you always!

And also with you.

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN

Breathe on Me Breath of God vv 1,2 &3

UMH #420

*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSINGS

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (sung)

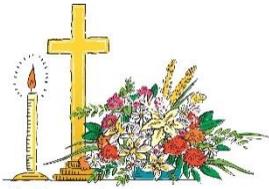
**Grant us thy peace along our homeward way.
With thee began with thee will end the day.
Guard thou our lips from sin our hearts from shame.
That in this house have called upon thy name.**

POSTLUDE

Grand Chorus

Theodore Dubois

(You are encouraged to be seated and enjoy the Postlude).



Altar Flowers

The flowers at the front of the chancel are given by a Faithful Friend to honor the Glory of God.

Recognition of Stephen Ministers and Congregational Care Commissioning Service Today!

Today we celebrate both our Stephen Ministry pastoral care volunteers (past and present) and also launch a new ministry for Faith UMC, CCM: Congregational Care Ministry. Faith UMC has had nine Stephen Ministers to date: Gina Dawson, Sylvia Hughes, Sunny Keene, Mac McCullough, Minette McCullough, Janice Moon, Marjorie (Marge) Taylor, June Watts, and Robert (Bob) Wood. Please say a hearty "thank you" to these lay ministers if they are in worship! We are also honored to introduce our new CCM "class of 2019": **Tamara Fish and M. Susan Keller.**

CCMs are part-time lay ministers who work alongside their pastor (and the Director of Congregational Care as well) to provide care for their church family. They are "ministers of presence," specializing in both pastoral visitations and celebrations, and they have been selected based on their gifts and graces in compassion, encouragement, communication and organization and their completion of an eleven-week course. Welcome, Tamara and Susan!

Acknowledgements: Our call to worship was found in Psalm 91:1-2,9-16 NRSV, modified; and our Prayer of Morning and Prayer of Dedication was found in "Refreshing Rains".