

If you arrive early, please be sensitive to those around you and use this time to prepare for worship.

Please, silence your electronic devices.

GATHERING

Prelude | *Variations on Wondrous Love* arr. Robert Lau (b. 1943)

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome

Welcome & Announcements

† Call to Worship

Looking to the mountains, we recall the source of our hope.

Our help comes from the Lord, the Creator of heaven and earth.

Our paths can be treacherous, the footing unsure.

God will not let our foot slip. God watches over us with care.

† Hymn, No. 605 | *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters* BEACH SPRING

† Confession | from *Hold Fast to What Is Good* – Beth Merrill Neel (adapt.)

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

Loving God, help us. When we have run away, when we have turned our backs on love, when we have sought immediate satisfaction and not long-term healing, help us.

Merciful God, forgive us. We confess that for too many on the margins, the language of faith has become another tool of oppression they must endure rather than a force of liberation. Help us to refuse to wield faith as a weapon and instead to use it to bind up the wounds of a hurting world.

We confess that, in our arrogance, we have made you in our image, proclaiming who we thing is worthy to be called a child of God and who is not. Help us to see that *all* are children of God; no conditions.

Powerful God, heal us. When we are so broken we cannot move, when we don't know how to stem the bleeding of our wounds, when we are too ashamed to seek community, heal us.

Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope to accept your grace and hear your call in Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Pardon | from *Hold Fast to What Is Good* – B.M. Neel (adapt.)

Friends, on this Lenten journey, this desert road to Easter, let us remember this: the love of God is beyond measure, and we are included in that love. Know that we are forgiven, and thus freed to love and serve.

Glory be to God! Amen.

† Passing of the Peace

In a spirit of peace and unity, let us offer signs of love and peace to those around us.

Children's Message

*Following the Children's Message,
children kindergarten through fifth grade may go to Spark Kids
in Rooms 209 & 210 or they may remain in worship with their families.*

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn, No. 99 2 times | *My Tribute* Andraé Crouch (1942-2015)

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Offering of Our Tithes & Gifts



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You may also mail a check to the church.*

Anthem | *Total Praise* Richard Smallwood (1948-2025)

*Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills knowing my help is coming from You.
Your peace You give me in time of the storm.*

*You are the source of my strength.
You are the strength of my life.
I lift my hands in total praise to You.*

Amen.

† Doxology Lowell Mason; arr. J. Matthew Boazman

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

† Prayer for Illumination Connie Willeford

O God of the covenant, transform our lives in the image of Christ, write your law of love on our hearts, and make us prophets of your glory, that we may lead others into your presence. Amen.

† Gospel Lesson | *John 3:1-17*

NRSV

You have heard the ancient story.

Thanks be to God.

Act of Praise | [insert IGC song] TBD

Sermon Chris Brown

HOLY COMMUNION

Preface | *The Faith We Sing*, No. 2257-a

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere...

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus | *The Faith We Sing*, No. 2257-b

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

And so, in remembrance of these your might acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Memorial Acclamation | *The Faith We Sing*, No. 2257-c

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,...

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Great Amen | *The Faith We Sing*, No. 2257-d

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 and ever. Amen.

† Sharing the Bread & Cup

*This is not a Munsey Memorial table nor is it a United Methodist table;
it is Christ's open table of grace and welcome.*

All who earnestly seek repentance, love, and peace, are invited to partake in communion.

[Music During Communion | *provided by the Inspirational Gospel Choir*] TBD

Prayer

SENDING FORTH

† Hymn, No. 116 | *The God of Abraham Praise*

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† Benediction

Chris Brown

Postlude | *Finale from Variations on Wondrous Love*

R. Lau

*All are invited to stay or depart during the Postlude.
When departing, do so quietly to show respect to the musician(s)
and those who wish to remain.*

† Indicates the people standing in body or in spirit.
While a sign of reverence, standing is optional.
We want to maintain an inclusive worship experience for all.

Cover art | *Nicodemus* (1973), JESUS MAFA

PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Chris Brown, *Senior Pastor*
Justin Boazman, *Director of Music & Congregational Life*
Matthew Brickey, *Organist & Music Associate*
The Chancel Choir
The Carol G. Transou Choral Scholars
The Inspirational Gospel Choir, *Bethune-Cookman University*
Connie Willeford, *Lay Reader*
Allan J. Cole, *Crucifer*
Harrison Greenway, *Acolyte*
Nyla Rayment, *Acolyte*

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All are welcome.

Each service is open for **all** to fully participate. When Holy Communion is shared in worship, **all** are invited to participate regardless of church or denominational affiliation. The table is not ours but God's. It is a table of grace and welcome where **all** are invited – even children.

Children are especially welcome in our worship services either in part or all of each worship experience. The closer they are to the front, the more they are likely to see and experience. There is a nursery available if they cannot sit through the entire service. For those who might find it helpful, the worship service is available on the video monitor in the Parlor.

Kids' Worship Activities are available to enhance your child's worship experience. You can find them in the Narthex.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Sanctuary + 11:00 a.m.