



We are a Reconciling Congregation!

Connecting with others through Mission, Music and Ministry!

REMINDER:

We have 4 hearing-enhancing devices that can be used for those that need them. Please ask in the sound booth for help with these.

The parlor is also open to hear the worship service every Sunday; and Room 8 is open for parents and their young children to watch and hear the service.

There are large print bulletins, hymnals and supplements in the back of the sanctuary on the table. You are welcome to use them during the service and then return the hymnals to the table after the service.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 10, 2024

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE/PROCESSIONAL

Deep River
Dave Kleckner, soloist

Spiritual

INTROIT

Jesus, Remember Me
Beth Peterson, flute

WELCOME

(Children Pre-K-K in room 8, 1st -5th in room 11/12, 6-8th in room 10 may leave to go to Sunday school.)

***PEACE**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you!**

***OPENING PRAYER (unison)**

God of grace, Righteous Judge of all people, we thank you that in love you sent Jesus Christ into the world not to condemn, but to save. May your mercy cause us to respond to you in loving commitment, that we may discover the true life you offer us. Amen.

*HYMN	<i>Just as I Am, Without One Plea</i>	357 (large blue book)
PSALTER	<i>Psalm 105:1-11</i> Ashley Chacko, cantor	828 (large blue book)

EXTINGUISHING THE FOURTH CANDLE

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS Beth Peterson

(Children Pre-K-K in room 8, 1st -5th in room 11/12, may leave to go to Sunday school.)

(sung as the children come forward and leave to attend Sunday school)

Response *Jesus Loves the Little Children*
Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.
Every gender, every race, all are covered by His grace.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT	<i>Numbers 21:4-9</i>	(Pew Bible p. 242)
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ANTHEM	<i>Lamb of God</i> Beth Peterson, flute	Paris
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*GOSPEL	<i>John 3:14-21</i>	(Pew Bible p. 1650)
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Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	378
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SERMON	<i>Are You Looking?</i>	Rev. Eun-Hye Choi
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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Prayer cards are available in the pews. If you have a special prayer request, please write it on the card and place it in the offering baskets at the exits.

Leader: Today, we pray for those who are vulnerable and who may not be able to see your light and presence in their lives at this moment. We pray for those fleeing violence, wars, and persecution; be their guide and comfort. For the millions of refugees around the world, waiting for justice and a new home.

People: Lord, hear our prayer . . .

Leader: We pray for our city and community. May it be a place of safety, support, and solace for those in distress.

People: Lord, hear our prayer . . .

Leader: Lord, we pray for our nation's leaders and government and the coming election. May they use their positions of power to work towards justice and righteousness.

People: Lord, hear our prayer . . .

Leader: We pray for your church, that it would be a city on a hill, shining bright as a beacon for all who seek a new and better way.

People: Lord, hear our prayer . . .

Leader: Now we stand firm, covered with the grace of God, and pray against the work of the evil powers of the world, who come to steal and destroy.

People: Lord, hear our prayer . . .

Leader: We now join the prayer that your son Jesus taught all of us . . .

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN *God Is Here* 660 (large blue book)

MINUTE FOR MISSION *World Relief* Rev. Marilyn Robb

COMMUNITY LIFE AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

OFFERING OUR THANKS AND OURSELVES

All loose coins and singles in the offering plates will go to World Relief.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fantasia* Bach

**congregation is invited to stand if it is comfortable to do so*

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**USHER: Mark Rowlands**

**ACOLYTE: Izzy Janke**

*You are invited to come to the social hall for fellowship provided by members of the United Women In Faith.*

## COMMUNITY LIFE AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### WHY DO THE ASYLUM SEEKERS AND MIGRANTS COME TO THE U.S.?

Plan to stay after worship today in the choir room after worship for a video of contrasts from what was in Venezuela in the 1970's to now. See what's happened to that country under corrupt government. We'll view the video and then join together for a discussion about what we've just seen.



USE THIS QR CODE TO DONATE TO YOUR CHURCH!

### CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

Use your smartphone camera or QR reader app at top of announcements to quickly and safely make your donation to GUMC. With one quick scan of QR code above, you can send in a one-time donation or schedule recurring donations. Thank you for your generosity.

**BOOK CLUB IS MEETING NEXT ON TUESDAY, APRIL 2 AT 7 PM IN THE PARLOR.**

We will be discussing "The Secret Diaries of Charles Ignatius Sancho" by Joseph Paterson.

**2024 LENTEN "SOUP AND SUBSTANCE"**

The theme of this year's Lenten program is "connecting", on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the narthex (lobby off the sanctuary). The soup and bread dinner and discussion following will be led by Pastor Choi, Rev. Marilyn Robb and Rev. Monica Isaac. The topics will be: Mar. 13 - "Connecting with family" (Monica Isaac); Mar. 20 - "Connecting with self" (Monica Isaac).

**THE RUMMAGE SALE WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT! - HAVE YOU CLEANED OUT YOUR CLOSETS, DRAWERS, BASEMENTS, ETC.?**

Start collecting, box it up and donate in April!. Drop off your rummage between April 7 - 11. The sale will be April 12 and 13. All of your donations are needed, and ask your friends and family to start saving as well. We also need lots and lots and lots of volunteers. Janet Conlin and Becky Netherland are the co-chairs of the Sale. Sign-ups are ongoing. Thank you!

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will go to World Relief. Today there are over 80 million people around the globe who have been forced, or made the painful choice, to leave their home. Threatened by extreme poverty, violence, or oppression, they leave behind everything familiar to seek a life free from fear. World Relief is a global Christian humanitarian organization that brings sustainable solutions to help these people. They partner with 6,000 local churches and community leaders in the United States and abroad to bring hope, healing and transformation to the most vulnerable. For more information go to [worldrelief.org](http://worldrelief.org).

**THIS WEEK: March 10 - March 17, 2024**

**Today:** 11 am Fellowship, social hall  
11:15 Movie on World Relief, choir room

**Monday:** 7 pm Eve Circle, parlor

**Tuesday:** 9:30 am Mission and Service, choir room  
10 am Ruth Circle, parlor  
10 am Staff meeting, pastor's office  
7 pm Trustees, parlor

**Wednesday:** 10 am Adult Study, choir room  
6 pm "Soup and Substance", lobby outside sanctuary  
7 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room

**Saturday:** 9 am Yoga, parlor

**Next Sunday:** ***Fifth Sunday in Lent***  
10 am Worship, Sunday school and Confirmation  
11:00 am Fellowship, social hall

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