

**Gathering Music****Prelude** "Spirit, Breathe on Me" *arr. Ruth Schram***Call to Worship** Rev. Alex Joyner**Welcome** Bob Braden, Jr. & Carolyn McGee**Opening Hymn** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" UMH #117**Opening Prayer** Youth Reader

God, you were our help in ages past,  
 You are our hope for years to come.  
 Draw us together for a purpose  
 and help us embody your will  
 to bring all the outcasts home  
 and to heal every wounded soul.  
 In the name of Christ, whose body we are. Amen

**Reading** Ephesians 2:13–22 Youth Reader**Children's Time** Lara Upton & Rev. Alex Joyner**Scripture Reading** Mark 8:31–38 Youth Reader**Sermon** "Is There a Cross for Me?" Rev. Alex Joyner**Offering****Musical Offering** "Amazing Love" *Benjamin Harlan*  
Choir**Offering Response** "What Wondrous Love Is This? (v.1) UMH #292**Affirmation of Faith** UMH #883**Invitation to Call to Prayer****Call to Prayer** "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" TFWS #2193**Prayer of Confession****The Great Thanksgiving** TFWS #2257**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, the power, and the glory  
 forever. Amen.

**Communion**

Offering plates have been placed at all Communion stations to collect  
 donations for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. These gifts will go to serve our  
 under resourced neighbors.

**Next Steps** Bob Braden, Jr. & Carolyn McGee**Hymn** "They'll Know We Are Christians" TFWS #2223**Dismissal with Blessing****Postlude** "Voluntary" *Charles Zeuner (1840)*

**Don't forget to register for Rise Against Hunger March 16<sup>th</sup>!**

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### **Weekly Calendar:**

#### **Sundays**

**8:45am** – Faith Seekers – Room 208 – Kathy Berlin

**9:30–11:30am**–nursery available–Room 206/207

**following the children's message in worship:**

Pre-K—Kindergarten—Room 304/305—Lara Upton

First – Third – Room 315 – Lara Upton

Tweens—4th/5th grade—Room 312/313—Lara Upton

Youth—3rd floor Youth Rooms–Lara Upton

**11:15am** – Faith Explorers – Room 308 – Bill Clarke

**11:15am** – Adult Fellowship – Room 208 – Pat Graham

**11:15am**—The Quiet Center–Chapel–Alice Strang

**11:30am** – Young Parents Small Group – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Youth Room

#### **Mondays**

**10:00am** – Bread & Blessings – Kitchen & Courtyard

#### **Tuesdays**

**8:00am** – Men's Bible Study – Wegmans – Jim Berlin

**12:00pm** – Congregational Prayer – Zoom

(look for link in Realm or the midweek email through church website)

**6:00pm** – Choir – Kevin White

#### **Wednesdays**

**12:30pm** –Lenten Service and Lunch – Fellowship Hall

#### **Thursdays**

**9:30am** – Women at the Well – Room 308 – Carolyn McGee

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March 3, 2024  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent