

GIRDWOOD CHAPEL UMC

February 26, 2023

Order of Sunday Worship

(bold text indicates congregational responses; * indicates please stand as able)

Welcome

*Call to Worship (Adapted from Luke 1:68-79)

Bless the Lord our God,

Who remembers the covenant with our ancestors and brings salvation from our enemies.

Because of our God's deep compassion, the dawn from heaven will break upon us,

To give light to those who are sitting in darkness, to guide us on the path of peace.

Bless the Lord who lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things,

Who calls all people and seeks the outsiders, outcasts, and outlaws.

Bless the Lord our God.

*Hymn: Gather Us In (Faith We Sing #2236)

Music and lyrics are also on the screen

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, as we search our hearts through this season of Lent, we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from those in need. We have not lifted up the lowly. We have strayed from your will. We have failed to do the things you have called us to do. We have looked on others with judgment rather than compassion. Forgive us, we pray. Lift us out of our sin and fill our hearts with your goodness and love. See us as we are. Show us mercy and remember us today. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Hear the good news. The Son of God came to seek and save the lost, and there is joy in heaven when even one sinner repents. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Selections from Luke 1

*Response: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God around us, for the Word of God within us, we say: **Thanks be to God.***

Sermon: Lifting Up the Lowly

Hymn: "Canticle of the Turning"

Weekly Connection Points

- Monday: Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm
- Wednesday Evening Prayer, 6:15pm
- Thursdays: Walk, Talk, Pray, 10am (starting in our parking lot)
- Our Food Pantry days and times: First Sundays 2 - 4pm; 2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Coming Up

- Weekly Lent Bible Study, Sundays @ 9:45am

Invitation to Generosity

To give go to www.girdwoodchapel.com/give or scan the code

Mail your offering to PO Box 1068



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Transition time off of Facebook

Community Prayers

Leader: God in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer

Pastoral Prayer & 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. Amen.

Hymn: "I Am Yours (The Wesley Covenant)" - COR Worship Collective

Benediction

"On Eagles Wings"

And God will raise us up

On eagles' wings

Bear us on the breath of dawn

Make us to shine like the sun

And hold us, in the palm, of God's hand