



**Forrest Burdette Memorial
United Methodist Church
March 6, 2019**

**We Gather to Celebrate
New Life In Christ**



What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. – Micah 6:8

You are invited into a deeper commitment to Christ during this 40-day Lenten Season. Mark this time with intentional discipleship. Fast from particular luxuries, material consumerism, or various forms of entertainment, and use each opportunity as a reminder of Christ's sacrifice and a call to prayer. Add a spiritual discipline such as morning or evening Bible reading, daily prayer for church/community/world, or actions of service and compassion. Prayerfully consider your call this season, and write your intention and commitment on the slip of paper that is in your bulletin to later lay on the communion rail.

Prelude *"Grace Greater than Our Sin"*
 Daniel B. Towner, arr. M. Barnhouse

Call to Worship

Welcome to a season of self-examination;
this is a time for reconciliation with God and neighbor.

**Welcome together, elders and children, to meet God,
longing for the abundant mercy of our Creator.**

Seek to know God's presence here and everywhere;
let the wisdom of God guide you in truth.

**Through hardship, affliction, and calamity,
we reach for the power of God to steady us.**

Prepare yourselves for a period of testing.
Be open to the grace that enables your growth.

**With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning,
we seek the steadfast love of God.**

Hymn No. 269 *"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"*

Prayer of Confession UMH No. 785 Psalm 51:1-17

Words of Assurance

Old Testament Lesson Joel 2:1-2, 12-17a

Hymn No. 399 *"Take My Life, and Let It Be"*

Epistle Lesson II Corinthians 5:20b-6:2

Anthem *"How Beautiful"*
 Twila Paris, arr. Bruce Greer
 Donna Barnhouse, Strings

Gospel Lesson Matthew 6:1-6, 16-20

Words to Live By "Make Room, Connect, Serve" Ellis Conley

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Our offering goes to help Annual Conference mission projects through the Midland South Celebration of Mission Event to be held May 5. This year we'll divide our support between the Heart & Hand House—Philippi and the Southern District Church & Community Ministry.

Offertory *"LAND OF REST"* *American Folk Tune,*
 arr. M. Barnhouse

Offertory Response UMH No. 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer

Imposition of Ashes and Receiving Communion

As you come forward you will first receive the imposition of ashes as a sign of the cross on your forehead and then receive communion by intinction. Bring the slip of paper upon which you have written your commitment of intentional discipleship during this season of Lent to place face down on the communion rail.

Prayer after Communion

Hymn No. 358 *"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"*

Benediction

Postlude *"The Solid Rock"* *William B. Bradbury,*
 arr. M. Barnhouse

**We Scatter to Witness and Serve,
Using the Gifts God Gave Us.**



Lenten Purple Bows: Please take home a purple bow for your door, mailbox, or lamp post to mark your house as a member of Forrest Burdette during Lent.

2019 Upper Room Disciplines: This daily devotional guide is available at the Connection Center for \$5 (originally \$12).



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