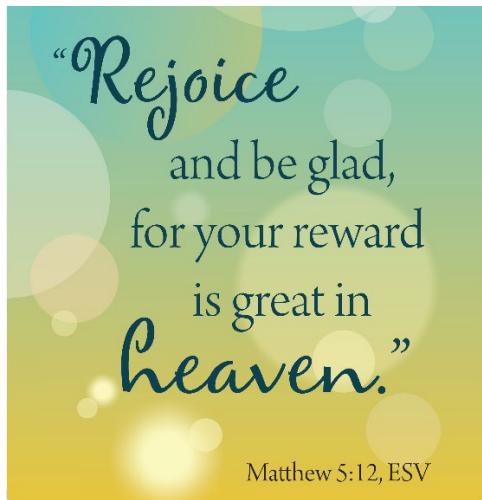


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God of many colors,  
God of many signs,  
You have made us different,  
Blessing many kinds.  
As the old ways disappear,  
Let your love cast out our fear. (refrain)

Freshness of the morning,  
Newness of each night,  
You are still creating  
Endless love and light.  
This we see, as shadows part,  
Many gifts from one great heart. (refrain)

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Unfolding Light

LEADER: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.  
PEOPLE: **We come to be filled!**  
LEADER: Blessed are the pure in heart.  
PEOPLE: **We long to see God.**  
LEADER: O God of mystery, we open our hearts to your presence and your grace.

### \*HYMN

*Many Gifts, One Spirit*

#114 UMH

God of change and glory,  
God of time and space,  
When we fear the future,  
Give to us your grace.  
In the midst of changing ways  
Give us still the grace to praise.

Refrain:  
*Many gifts, one Spirit,*  
*One love known in many ways.*  
*In our difference is blessing,*  
*From diversity we praise*  
*One Giver, one Lord,*  
*One Spirit, one Word*  
*Known in many ways,*  
*Hallowing our days.*  
*For the Giver, for the gifts,*  
*Praise, praise, praise!*

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Nicene Creed #880*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic  
church.

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We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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## SCRIPTURE Micah 6:6-8 (NRSVUE)

<sup>6</sup> “With what shall I come before the Lord  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
<sup>7</sup> Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”  
<sup>8</sup> God has told you, O mortal, what is good,  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice and to love kindness  
and to walk humbly with your God.

The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## TIME SINGING OUR FAVORITE HYMNS—8:20am

## TIME WITH CHILDREN—9:40am

**HYMN** *Your Love, O God*  
*refrain only #120 UMH*  
Your love, O God, is broad like beach and meadow,  
Wide as the wind, and our eternal home.  
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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Loving God, we confess that we have lived by our efforts instead of your grace, in anxiety rather than trust. We confess in our anxiety, we have acted hurtfully. Through the gift of your Son Jesus Christ, who lived and died that we may know your love, redeem us from the hurts we have caused, relieve us of our illusions, forgive our sin, and restore our deep trust in your grace alone.

*Silent prayer*

In our hunger for justice, give us hope.  
In our conflicts and judgments, help us be merciful.  
In this world of greed, give us pure hearts to see with love alone.  
In this world of conflict, may we bring reconciliation.

In this polarized world, give us humble courage to stand for truth, to bear witness to your love, to work for the healing of the world.

Help us call on the name of the Lord, saying:

**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**

## DECLARATION OF PARDON

Jesus of Nazareth shows us  
the undeserved favor of God.  
Friends, believe the Good News!  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*Offer the peace of Christ by saying:  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
Respond: And also with you!*

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## GIVING

**\*RESPONSE** #95, UMH  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:1-12 (CEV)

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on the side of a mountain and sat down. Jesus' disciples gathered around him, <sup>2</sup> and he taught them:

<sup>3</sup> God blesses those people  
who depend only on him.  
They belong to the kingdom of heaven!  
<sup>4</sup> God blesses those people who grieve.  
They will find comfort!  
<sup>5</sup> God blesses those people who are humble.  
The earth will belong to them!  
<sup>6</sup> God blesses those people  
who want to obey God more than to eat or drink.

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They will be given what they want!  
<sup>7</sup> God blesses those people who are merciful.  
They will be treated with mercy!  
<sup>8</sup> God blesses those people  
whose hearts are pure.  
They will see God!  
<sup>9</sup> God blesses those people  
who make peace.  
They will be called  
children of God!  
<sup>10</sup> God blesses those people  
who are treated badly for doing right.  
They belong to the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> God will bless you when people insult you, mistreat you, and tell all kinds of evil lies about you because of me. <sup>12</sup> Be happy and excited! You will have a great reward in heaven. People did these same things to the prophets who lived long ago.

The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE** *Mountain Commands*  
Rev. David W. Brown

## INVITATION TO THE HOLY MEAL

Come to the table; taste and see. Just as the Lord invited us to follow Him, so He extends the Table of grace to all those who are hungry for righteousness and peace. Come to the table; taste and see.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God: you fill us with the finest bread and turn our sorrow into joy.

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior: Through Christ all things came into being; he is the light that darkness cannot overcome, your Word made flesh, full of grace and truth.

Jesus on the night he would be betrayed, gathered his disciples together in an upper room to celebrate the Passover feast: As he took the bread, he blessed it and gave it to them saying; “This is my body given for you.” Also, in the meal he raised a cup, blessed it, and gave it to them saying; “Drink from this all of you, this is my blood shed for you.”

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup; make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

As you have made known to us the mystery of your will, teach us to proclaim the mystery of faith;

**Christ has died,  
Christ is Risen,  
Christ will come again.**

Through the Lord Jesus Christ,  
in the unity of the Spirit,  
we bless you, God of glory,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*The elements are gluten free for all to share. Receive a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. There are also gifts of communion in a sealed bag by the grand piano. Extend the Table of the Lord for all to dine.*

**\*HYMN** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
#298 UMH

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of Glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts (1707)

& Music: Lowell Mason (1824)

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## BENEDICTION

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God, by your grace make us pure in heart, to see by the light of your love alone. May we be peacemakers, light for the world, and shine with your mercy.

In God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer we pray.  
Amen!

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Mike, Lisa, Matt and Sarah Sylvester in loving memory of Michael Cleveland Sylvester.*



*Gather for coffee and treats in the Atrium following the 9:40 service!*

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## POSTLUDE

*\*Stand in body or in spirit*

*Liturgist at 8:20 – Greg Bailie*

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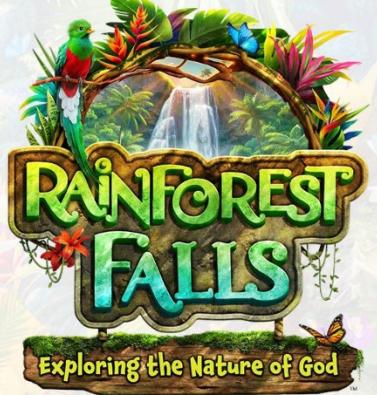
**Ash WEDNESDAY Service**

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return

**February 18**

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm  
Old Chapel

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**Rainforest Falls**  
Exploring the Nature of God

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July 13-16

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**Registration** *Open*

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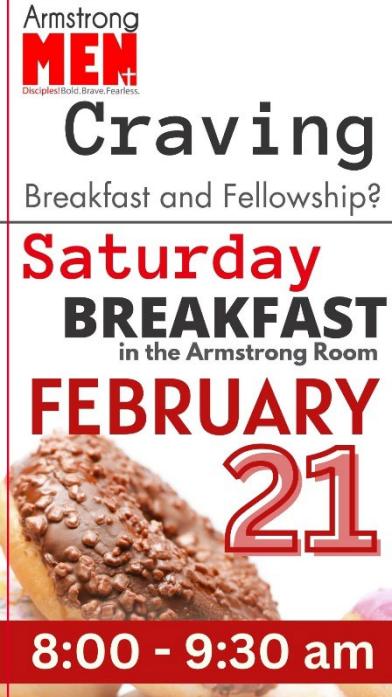
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