

Community of Faith United Methodist Church

March 26, 2023 | 8:30 AM

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Look for the Liberator

Worship Guide



Hymn | *Love Lifted Me* W&S #3101

1. I was sinking deep in sin, Far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, Sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea Heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me— Now safe am I.

Refrain: Love lifted me, Love lifted me,
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me;
Love lifted me, Love lifted me,
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

2. All my heart to Him I give, Ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessed presence live, Ever His praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true Merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, loving service, too, To Him belongs. [*Refrain*]

3. Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love, Out of the angry waves.
He's the Master of the sea, Billows His will obey;
He your Savior wants to be - Be saved today. [*Refrain*]

WE GATHER

Welcome

[*choir sings*] Hearts open, minds awake, change us now for heaven's sake.
Leave us not alone in hatred's wake. Show us how to love. Show us how to love.

Eyes open, shocked awake, much to learn from our mistakes.
Draw us closer in our heartache. Show us how to love. Show us how to love.
Show us how, show us how to love.

Confession and Assurance

Holy and Merciful One, in this season of discernment we come bringing our deepest longings, and our failed attempts at satisfying them. We have often looked for love, for acceptance and security, in the mirage of certainty, believing that if we just hold things very tightly, we will survive.

People: **We yearn for lives that matter,
we desire relationships that thrive, we want less regret.**

At times we fail to see that you have already given us what really matters: your love and acceptance. You provide opportunities all around us to make a difference in the lives of others. You give us a fresh start each day, inviting us to do better. In this silence, we bring to you our pleas
for openness to a different way of living.

Silence

My friends, be assured by the Psalmist who says, "In God, there is steadfast love, and the great power to redeem." Let us respond together:

**We open our hearts, our minds, our souls, our vision
to the ways of love created by God,
embodied in Jesus,
and already moving in us by the Spirit.
We are forgiven, loved, and freed!
Amen!**

Peace

Leader: The love and peace of Christ be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Hymn | *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* W&S 3001 verses 1-4

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace, the triumphs of his grace!

2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name, the honors of thy name.

3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.

4. He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe, the humble poor believe.

WE PROCLAIM

Song of Preparation for the Word | *Love Us Into Fullness*

[sung] Love us into fullness, touch us with your grace;
Jesus, in your mercy, draw us to your face.

First Reading | *Psalm 130*

Video Testimony

(sung) Love us into fullness, hold us in your care,
cheer us with your presence, here and everywhere.

Second Reading | *John 9:1-41*

(sung) Love us into fullness, and we will be strong;
Jesus, walk beside us, fill our hearts with song.

Sermon – Hannah Godfrey

WE REPOND

Offering

Prayers of the People

Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

*Prayers for the World | Prayers for Our Community
Prayers for Our Relationships | Prayers for Our Selves*

The Prayer of Jesus
The Giving of Bread & Cup

WE GO FORTH

Blessing

Leader: Go forth into the world, looking for love in all the right places!

**We will look for signs of The Liberator,
shedding the shrouds of death to live and love freely!**

Blessing & Dismissal | Go Now in Peace UMH #665

Announcements

Tuna Towers – *More than 900+ already collected!* During Lent, the children and youth are collecting Tuna to fill the towers hoping to collect 3000 cans of Tuna! **WHY?** Each week, 200+ families receive food from THE FOOD PANTRY. **HOW CAN YOU HELP?** Bring tuna to the Tuna towers at CoF now through Easter Sunday. Tell your friends and neighbors about the work of THE FOOD PANTRY. Thank you for your support of this important mission project!



Do you receive CoF Emails? If not just subscribe by sending a not to Office@cofumc.org. Our three-times weekly emails are the primary communication tool at CoF offering a Tuesday Video Vesper, Sunday notes and news, calendar, and information on Friday.

UMM Breakfast – Sunday, April 2 at 7AM

For United Methodist News - visit www.umnews.org, www.um-insight.net or www.umc.org

Prayers

Joys of successful spinal intervention for Mike Folsom
Raj & Naomi upon their Hawaii athletic and fundraising adventures

For our parents and families

Terri Orvis' daughter (Madelaine) for a continued healthy pregnancy
Parents of Lara Fries (Shelby), Bane Vaughn (Betty Shamburger), Jeff Mowery (Fred), Chris Gohrband (Virginia),
Mary Ann East (Jackie), Kim Fuller (Joanne), Terri Orvis, Di Hannum (Danny & Dottie)

For our friends & neighbors

Jason, friend of David Mezanis
Val, father of David Mezanis
Paris (friend of Ali Greenberg)
Victor, friend Bill McKnight

For our state, nation, and world

People of Ukraine and the opposition in Russia to the invasion
Relief work in Turkey and Syria
People of Iran in their work for freedom from oppression
The congregation of St Bene't's Cambridge and the family of The Rev. Anna Matthews

Expressions of Christian sympathy are extended to:

- ✠ For the family of Jessica upon her death (friend of Mary Ann East)
- ✠ Greg Carter upon the death of his aunt, Kathy McQueen of Indiana

What's Happening this Week

SUNDAY (Mar 26) Adult Sunday School 930AM
MONDAY & TUESDAY AM – Food Prep @11AM
MONDAY (Mar 27) Boy Scout Meeting 7PM
TUESDAY (Mar 28) Food Distribution 4-6PM
TUESDAY (Mar 28) Vespers with Pastor Rob
WEDNESDAY (March 29) Boy Scouts 7PM
THURSDAY (March 30) Sanctuary Choir 7:30PM

SUNDAY (April 2) UMM Breakfast 7AM
SUNDAY (April 2) Contemplative Worship 5:30PM at
Epiphany Episcopal
HOLY THURSDAY April 6 -730PM at CoF
GOOD FRIDAY April 7 – 630AM at CoF
EASTER SUNDAY – 630AM; 830AM; 1030AM
Easter Sunday - Easter Egg Hunt 11:45AM
June 3 Afternoon – Rob's Retirement Celebration

Welcome

Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.
(Matthew 10:40)

At Community of Faith, we believe each individual is of sacred worth and dignity as part of God's creation and as demonstrated by the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. We celebrate the beautiful diversity of all races, nationalities, and ethnicities. We welcome and affirm you whether you are rich or poor; love the Church, have never been to Church, or have been wounded by spiritual communities; gay, straight, or whatever your gender identity, expression, and sexual orientation may be; married or single; a person with children or without children; able-bodied, differently-abled, or challenged with mental or emotional health issues; certain of many things or full of questions. We vow to be a safe community truly open to everyone to grow in faith - God's love has no bounds.



Ministers - The Entire Congregation

Leadership Board 2023

Lynne Mowery, chair | Gwen Zanin | Terri Orvis | Jocelyn Gabriel | Greg Carter
Larry Gittings | Raj Bartakke | Gina Lindquist | Ghazal Chilan | Rob Vaughn

Lay Leaders – Jocelyn Gabriel & Ghazel Chilan | *Music Director*: Dr. Mary Ann East

Music Accompanist: Dr. Kelly Nam | *Children's Coordinator* – Kelli Timanus | *Nursery Care* – Ali Greenberg

Youth Director & Food Ministry Administrator: Hannah Godfrey | *Office Manager* – Di Hannum Beatty

Resident Deacon – Joanna Dietz | *District Superintendent* – Sara Calvert | *Bishop* – Sue Haupt-Johnson



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