

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & GREETING**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Lent calls us to journey, this and every day,  
following Jesus wherever he leads us.  
**Lent calls us to journey:  
to the place where God covenants with us,  
to receive the new names we are given.**

Lent calls us to worship together,  
to tell future generations the good news.  
**Lent calls us to practice justice,  
to bring God's hope to all people.**

Lent calls us to faithful living,  
to trust the One who gives us life.  
**Lent calls each of us to take up our cross,  
to trust the One who bears it with us.**

Lent calls us to journey with God.  
**Let us worship God, who walks with us,  
this and every day.**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Cry of My Heart" FWS #2165

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**TIN CUP OFFERING** BUMP: Browning United Methodist Parish. Winter Relief Fund  
*Tin Cup is a chance to give to a variety of missions chosen by WUMC youth.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #94

**SCRIPTURE** Genesis 17:1-7; 15-16  
Mark 8:31-38

**MESSAGE**

Morie Adams-Griffin

**\*HYMN** "In the Singing" FWS #2255

**PRAYER TIME** Community Prayers  
Silent Prayer

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

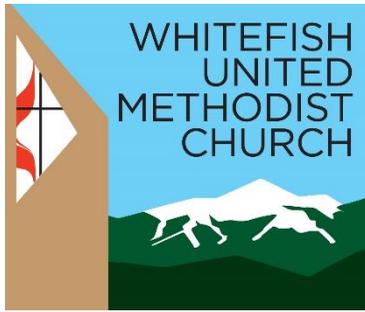
**LORD'S PRAYER**

**COMMUNION** God's invitation is a gift to all of us regardless of age or membership.

**\*HYMN** "Take This Moment, Sign, and Space" Insert

**BENEDICTION** Thank you God for the one you sent in Jesus:  
gentle and humble of heart,  
full of compassion and maker of peace,  
who lived in poverty and suffered persecution for the cause of justice.  
**May we receive the word of the good news joyfully  
and live by his example as heirs and citizens of your kingdom.  
Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE MUSIC**



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*Thank you*

**FLOWERS:** Sue Paulson for Becky, Wendy & Tina's Birthday

**FELLOWSHIP:** Cake!

*Announcements*

**EASTER HAPPENINGS!**

Easter Sunday is less than a month away & we're starting to plan & need YOU! If you would like to help out with either of our Sunday services (7:30am or 10:15am) or either meal (light breakfast or brunch) Sign up sheets are out now!

**EASTER FLOWERS**

Welcome spring & adorn our altar for Easter! Tulips & lilies for sale - \$12 each. They'll be displayed Easter Sunday, then they're yours to take home! Sign-up today! **Orders must be in by March 25th.**

**ANYONE WANT TO TEACH & INSPIRE OUR KIDS?**

**Still looking** for volunteers to teach **April & May.** The curriculum is all planned! "Team" teaching is ok too! **Please sign up TODAY!**

**MARCH FOOD BANK NEWS**

Last week we delivered 21 pounds of food to the North Valley Food Bank. We continue to collect breakfast items such as granola bars, cereal, oatmeal, etc. for the winter months. Thanks!

**LENT SERMON SERIES: THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO TED**

God's presence is continually meeting our deepest longings, & that interaction is not limited to "religious" language. Therefore, during Lent pastor will explore God's presence through ideas shared in popular TED Talks. Invite family, friends & neighbors to join you for worship during this Lenten series. If you can't make it one week, messages will be on our website [whitefishumc.org](http://whitefishumc.org)

**DIRECTORY UPDATES**

We're updating again! If your info has changed or if you're new & would like to be included in our directory, fill out an update slip!

**BROWNING RELIEF**

If you would like to assist our Browning UMC family during their winter crisis, the follow items can be dropped off at WUMC: Diapers, baby wipes, dry & canned goods, Ziplock bags, dog food, hygiene products including feminine care. If you would like to volunteer, contact Pastor Dawn Skeritt 260-5562. Monetary donations can be made through UMCOR Disaster Relief at [www.yacumc.org/donate](http://www.yacumc.org/donate)

*This Week*

**TODAY**

Adult Bible Study 9a

**WEDNESDAY**

Youth Group 6:15p

**THURSDAY**

Bulletin Deadline 9a

**NEXT SUNDAY**

Adult Bible Study 9a

*Volunteer!*

Get involved! Sign-up today in the narthex or visit [whitefishumc.org](http://whitefishumc.org)

- Liturgist on Sunday
- Bring altar flowers
- Lead fellowship
- Provide a meal for Youth Group
- Teach Sunday School
- Easter sign-ups are out! Volunteer to help with service, luncheon or Easter Egg hunt!

*Easy Giving*

Scan the QR code for a fast & easy way to give! Click on "QUICK GIVE".

Most smart-phones offer free QR reader downloads.



**Genesis 17:1-7; 15-16**  
**The Sign of the Covenant**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

**Mark 8:31-38**

**Jesus Foretells His Death & Resurrection**

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'