

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & GREETING**

**\*CALL TO PRAYER**

We are here together  
in the name of Christ Jesus,  
**in the presence of an awesome, Holy Love.**

A person without God is like a feather in a perpetual wind,  
blown all over the place without any control  
or choice in where to rest.

**O come, let us return to the living God,  
Let us stand in awe before the One  
who is our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

"All Creatures of Our God and King" UMH #62

**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**

James 1:17-27

**MESSAGE**

Morie Adams-Griffin

**\*HYMN**

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" UMH #277

**PRAYER TIME**

Community Prayers  
Silent Prayer

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Holy and Gracious God,  
we give you thanks for family, friends, life, love—  
for all the blessings (*name blessings and thanksgivings*)  
you have bestowed upon us.

In Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of our Mothers and Fathers,  
your desire for us leads the way,  
may we have the ears to hear the cries of this world –  
responding with Your hope.

In Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate One,  
fill us with your love  
that we may see deeply into all the needs around us,  
(*name the hurts, needs, and hope you are carrying.*)

Help us to care with Your heart.

In Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May Your love, Your grace, Your compassion, Your mercy,  
carry us away, this day  
and lead us with love  
to be Your hands and heart in the world. Amen.

**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 Love to Tell the Story" UMH #156

**BENEDICTION**

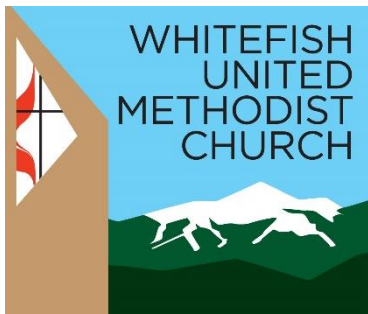
Go out, and be doers of the Word.  
Cleanse your hearts of all pollution,  
be quick to listen and learn,  
welcome the Word that God implants in you,  
and bring it to birth in acts of righteousness and compassion.

And may God pour grace upon you and bless you forever;  
May Christ Jesus reveal to you the truth of God's ways;  
and may the Holy Spirit fill your life with passion and love.

**We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE MUSIC**





WHITEFISH  
UNITED  
METHODIST  
CHURCH

*Thank you*

**LITURGY:** Rob Funk    **FLOWERS:** Sylvia Heselwood  
**FELLOWSHIP:** Dave & Sue – Soups on!

*Announcements*

## EASTER HAPPENINGS!

### EASTER DECORATING

We are decorating the sanctuary for Easter Sunday **March 30<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday, at 11am**. We anticipate it only taking a couple of hours. We appreciate any volunteers willing to help!

### EASTER WORSHIP

Easter Sunday is less than a month away & we're starting to plan & need YOU! If you'd like to help with either Sunday service (7:30am or 10:15am) or either meal (light breakfast or brunch) Sign-up today!

### 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 25<sup>th</sup>**.

### PLEASE TEACH CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

At the end of March, there is no one signed up to teach Sunday School. Volunteers are still needed for **April & May**. The curriculum is planned! "Team" teaching is ok! **Please sign up TODAY!**

### MARCH FOOD BANK NEWS

This month North Valley food bank is collecting canned pineapple & canned veggies for Easter dinners as well as cereal. Thanks!

### A HELPFUL HAND

A local woman has contacted us looking for someone to provide transportation twice a week for grocery runs. If you are interested in this unique ministry opportunity, please contact Pastor Morie for more details. [morie@whitefishumc.org](mailto:morie@whitefishumc.org) 406-600-0086.

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

God's presence continually meets our deepest longings, & that interaction isn't limited to "religious" language. Therefore, during Lent we are exploring God's presence through ideas shared in TED Talks. Please invite family & friends to join you for worship during this series. Messages are also 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!

## *This Week*

### TODAY

Adult Bible Study 9a

### MONDAY

Finance Meeting 5p  
SPRC Meeting 5:45p

### 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

## *Easy Giving*

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

Most smartphones offer free QR reader downloads.



*Welcome & Peace*

WHITEFISH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MARCH 11, 2018 / FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**James 1:17-27**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore, rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

