

Order of Celebration

February 24, 2019 ♦ 10:30 AM

Ordinary Time

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome

*Song Come, Christians, Join to Sing UMH 158

*Song Blessed Assurance UMH 369

Sharing the Life of the Church

Please complete the Communication Card and place in the offering plate. If you have a prayer request, fill out a prayer card that will be collected during the first song

Centering Music and Service of Lights

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come and learn the ways of life.

All: We have come to follow Jesus.

Leader: Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you.

All: We have come to follow Jesus.

Leader: Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute you.

All: We have come to follow Jesus.

Leader: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

All: We have come to follow Jesus.

Leader: Come and learn the ways of life.

*Song Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart UMH 160

Children ages 3-5th grade are invited to Fellowship Hall for "Kids Rock"

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Teacher of hard truths, it is difficult to let go of our anger toward those who prosper through deceit and unscrupulous ways; it is not easy to make ourselves believe that the meek will inherit the earth, when they are being crushed by the unjust systems stacked against them. We long to see the vindication of the righteous and prosperity of those who work selflessly to bring your realm here on earth. We yearn for the day when all people will treat one another as they wish to be treated. Help us live into that day, Holy One, even when it is difficult, that your love might shine like the sun through our lives and our ministries. Amen.

THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 37: 1 - 11 UMH 772

Gospel Lesson Luke 6: 27 - 38 pg 1253

Message "Forgive and You Shall Be Forgiven"

OUR RESPONSE

Song Freely, Freely UMH 389

Offering Invitation (I John 3: 17 - 18)

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help? Dear children, let us love, not in word or speech, but also in truth and action.

Offertory Music

*Doxology UMH 95

**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.**

*Dedication Prayer (in unison)

Generous God, you have given us life, a place to live, and people to live with. Open our eyes to each other. We consecrate ourselves and our gifts to you and to the service of others, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

