

## GROOME UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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***FOUNDED IN 1904***

### *Hymn of the Buddha of Infinite Compassion*

How can there be a likeness to your virtues, untouched by foe or obstacle,

Everlasting, unlimited, and which cannot be surpassed?

This form of yours, calm yet lovely, brilliant without dazzling,

Soft but mighty - whom would it not entrance?

It was your compassion, given free course, which made you pass your time

Among the crowds, when the happiness of seclusion suited you so much better.

Your birth gives joy to people, and your growth delights them;

While you are there they benefit, on your departure they feel lost.

To praise you takes all guilt away, to recollect you lifts up the heart,

To seek you brings understanding, to comprehend you purity. Other men do not as much study the welfare of those who mean them well,

As you study that of those who seek you harm.

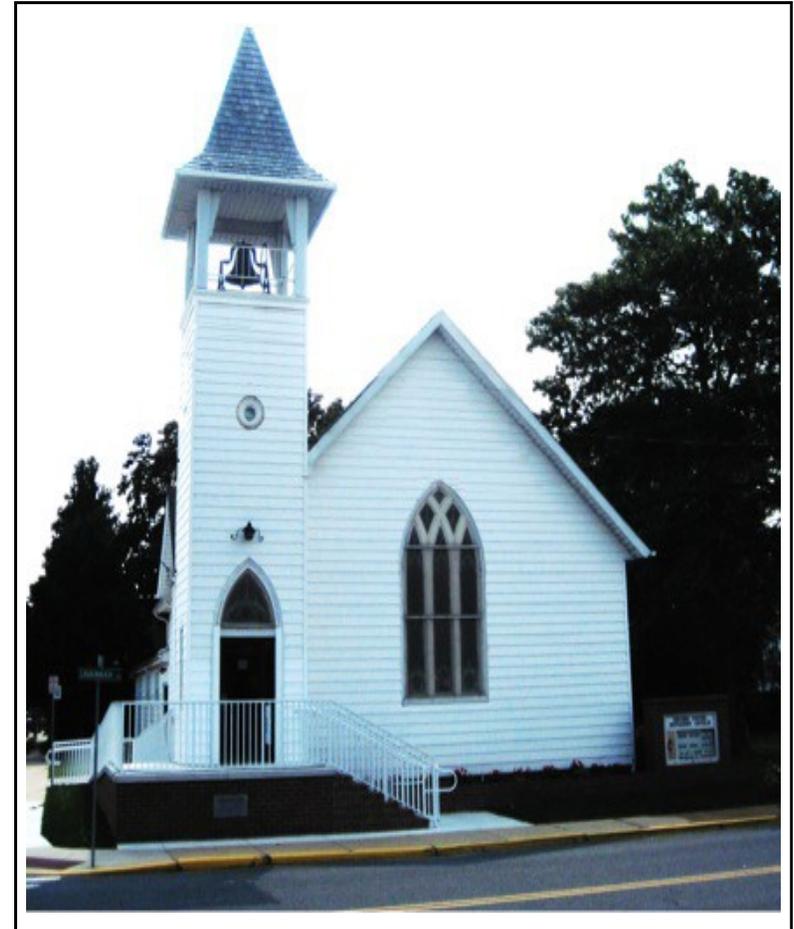
To an enemy intent on ill you are a good friend intent on good.

To one who constantly seeks for faults you respond by seeking for virtues.

*- Satapancasatka of Matrceta*

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***“Small enough to care, large enough for Vital Ministry”***

GROOME UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 8, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Reverend, Dr. S. Willard Crossan, III

Worship Leader: Eileen Weitzel

**Second Sunday in Lent**

GATHERING AND REFLECTION

Organ Prelude

Parish Calendar and Greeting

*Dr. Crossan*

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the Lord!

**People: God has blessed us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

Leader: Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the let him return to the Lord.

**People: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

Opening Prayer

\* Hymn of Praise "Blessed Jesus, at Thy word" 596

\* Call of Confession

Prayer of Confession

**O holy and merciful God, we confess that we have not always taken upon ourselves with joy the yoke of obedience, not been willing to seek and to do your will. We have not loved you with all our heart and mind and soul and strength, neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. You have called to us in the need of our fellows, and we have passed unheeding on our way. In the pride of our hearts, and our unwillingness to repent, we have turned away from the cross of Christ and grieved your Holy Spirit. For these our sins, we humbly ask your forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silent Meditation

Words of Assurance

The Lord's Prayer

Choir Anthem

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

Leader: O Lord, open our hearts and our minds;

**People: that we may behold wonderful things out of your word.**

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 12:1-4

*Eileen Weitzel*

Epistle Lesson

Romans 4:1-5, 3-17

*Sherry Massey*

\* Gospel Lesson

John 3:1-17

\* Affirmation of Faith

"Canada"

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\* Gloria Patri

\* Passing of the Peace

PETITIONS, INTERCESSIONS, AND OFFERING

The Collect

**O Almighty God, we thank you for all your blessings and all your mercies which in your love you have bestowed upon us. We ask that you will continually care for us. Help us to live as your obedient and dutiful children. Let us never forget who you are, and whose we are; and grant to everyone of faith strength and courage for the battle of life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

*-Voicing of our Petitions-*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Words of Presentation

*Eileen Weitzel*

Offering

\* The Presentation

"Doxology"

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\* Hymn of Preparation

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

453

Sermon

"Human Fellowship"

*Dr. Crossan*

SENDING FORTH

\* Hymn of Dedication

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

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\* Words of Dedication

**Grant, O Lord, that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* Benediction

\* Benediction Response

Beautiful Vision of Jesus"

Beautiful vision of Jesus, walking by Galilee

Teaching the love of His Father above beside the sea.

\* Postlude

*\* Please Stand*