

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 10, 2024

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Dr. David Hobson

PRELUDE.....*O God Beyond All Praising*.....Brass Ensemble
arr. Sterling Procter E. Ray Peebles, organ
[...make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise...]

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. Will Address

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him”.....No. 9

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 691.....Dr. Will Address

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*O God Beyond All Praising*.....Chancel Choir
arr. Richard Proulx Brass Ensemble
[...make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise...]

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Joshua 8:30-35.....Dr. Steven Bell

† GLORIA PATRI.....No.33
*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

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CHILDREN’S BLESSING.....Helen Palmer

MORNING & OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Rev. Kathy Wafer

THE LORD’S PRAYER.....Congregation (speaks in unison)

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.

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PRAYER RESPONSE.....Traditional (altered)

*Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way.
All on the altar, gladly I lay.
Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!*

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Be Still My Soul*.....Michael Scarlato, trumpet
arr. Christina Harmon Kevin Rabon, trumpet

† DOXOLOGYNo. 682

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

MESSAGE.....**ALTAR'D**.....Rev. Matthew Hulbert
SACRIFICE OF PRAISE

Welcome to the Promised Land.

The Sacrifice of Praise

Grounded in God

Scripture Memory Verse

“Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that confess His name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”
— Hebrews 13:15-16

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”.....No. 586
(During the singing of this hymn, those who wish to join the First Methodist family are invited to come to the front of the church for reception and recognition.)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.....Rev. Matthew Hulbert
We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ’s holy church, and bid you welcome to the congregation of First Methodist Church. With you, we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

† BENEDICTIONRev. Matthew Hulbert

† SENDING FORTH.....Amen.....Chancel Choir
John Rutter

POSTLUDE.....Psalm 20.....Brass Ensemble
Benedetto Marcello/arr. Chester Kingsbury E. Ray Peebles
[The Lord answer you in the day of trouble!
The name of the God of Jacob protect you!
May He remember all your offerings
and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices.]

8:30: *Crucifer – Anabelle Teague • Acolyte – Adelyn Grace Teague*

11:00: *Banner Carrier – Grayson Magill • Crucifer – Michael Zavalydriga
Acolytes – Evie and Lila Holley-Lerchie*

† *Those who are able may stand.* ‡ *Latecomers may be seated at these times.*

* **IF YOU WISH TO JOIN** the First Methodist Church family, please come forward at this time.

***Children leaving the service for Children’s Chapel may be picked up after the service.*

• *3–4 years (8:30 & 11:00): Children’s Ministry Center*

• *K5–3RD graders (11:00): Dawson Building, Room 208, behind the Sanctuary*

Childcare for infants through 4 years is available from 8:15 to 12:15 in the Children’s Ministry Center. From the sanctuary, follow the sign located in the hallway between the sanctuary and the Dawson Building. Outdoor access is located on the corner of Douglas and Milam Streets