



Welcome to Worship at

CHRIST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Encounter Christ Grow Disciples Serve Others

Transforming Lives in the Love of Jesus Christ

March 17, 2019

11:00 a.m.



SECOND SUNDAY
in Lent

ORDER OF WORSHIP

MEDITATION - *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.* -Galatians 2:20

*please stand if you are able
Hymns indicated with "W&S" can be found in the small green hymnal at the end of the pews.

GATHERING

WORSHIP BEFORE WORSHIP (10:40) Fish Food
PASTORAL GREETING
PRELUDE Alleluia Ringers
"In Christ Alone" Getty/Eithum
(Please use this time to prepare your heart for worship.)

ENTRANCE

*CALL TO WORSHIP- ("From More Love, More Power" by M.W. Smith)
Leader: More love, more power
People: more of You in my life!
Leader: We will worship you
People: with all of our heart.
Leader: We will worship you
People: with all of our strength.
All: For You are our Lord!

*OPENING HYMN "God of Love and God of Power" No. 578
OPENING PRAYER
Liturgist: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Liturgist: Let us pray together.
People: Lord, we come to you in thankfulness for the unconditional love you offer through Jesus Christ. Open our hearts to draw you deeper into our being, filling us with the full power of your love, and may we love you in return. Amen.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 8:31-39 pg. 158 NT
Reader: This is the Word of God for us.
People: Thanks be to God.
CHILDREN'S SERMON Miki Chelton
(After the Children's Sermon, children, 4 years through 5th grade, may leave the Sanctuary and go to Circuit Kids in rooms 23-26.)
ANTHEM Chancel Choir
"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" arr. B. Nix
SERMON "The Power of Love" Miki Chelton
Director of Music
*HYMN "In Christ Alone" W&S No. 3105

THE CONGREGATION'S PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Adapted from Ephesians 3:17-19

Lord, we so often stray from the path and choose to not walk with you. We forget about the power of your love. We ask that you will live in our hearts through faith. As a result of having strong roots in love, we ask that we will have the power to grasp love's width and length, height and depth, together with all believers. We ask that we will know the love of Christ that is beyond knowledge so that we will be filled entirely with the fullness of God. Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION in silence with organ/piano meditation

WORDS OF ASSURANCE 1 John 4:10
This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

*THE PEACE

BRINGING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

(You may complete a prayer card in the pew rack in front of you and place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of our pastors.)

OFFERTORY "What Wondrous Love Is This" arr. J. Bennett

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

THE LORD'S PRAYER – use "trespasses" pg. 895

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN "The Power of the Cross" W&S No. 3085
*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING
*POSTLUDE "God of Love and God of Power" arr. T. Bliss
(If you are able, please remain in the pews briefly for the postlude.)