



**3rd Sunday of Lent  
Being Revived Along the Path**

**WHITNEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**March 7, 2021      10:00 a.m.**

**Rev. Christina Thompson**

**WELCOME**

Make us to know your ways , O Lord; teach us your paths. For all your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness. (From Psalm 25)

Welcome to worship at Whitney United Methodist Church. I am Rev. Christina Thompson .

We are continuing our Lenten journey, seeking to know and walk the path of the Lord. This Lenten journey will guide us all the way to Holy Week and then through Easter.

On this path today, we will look at revives us along the path.  
I am so grateful that you have joined us on this journey.

## **LIGHTING CANDLE**

We need light for any journey. So, as we walk this path with God, I invite you to light your candle knowing that the light of Christ will guide our way.

## **WHERE WE ARE STARTING FROM**

The season of Lent is the 40 days, not counting Sundays that prepare us for Easter. Lent gives us the space and time to ponder who we are , who God is and our relationship with God. So, during worship in this season, we will be offered the space to look at where we are starting from, to be reminded of who God is as we move to where God wants us to be.

## **TIME OF CENTERING**

Covenant God, remember us.

Covenant God, teach us your path

Covenant God, make us to know your truth.

## **CONFESSION**

Merciful God,  
You see deep into our hearts  
and know us better than we know ourselves.  
Forgive us we pray.

For the times we turn away from Your word,  
remind us that You are the Lord our God,  
our eternal protector and guide.

For our impulses of anger and jealousy, scorn, or spite,  
grant us Your healing peace.

For our resistance to forgiveness, generosity, and mercy,  
inspire us with Your compassionate love.

# ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Welcome now the abundant grace of God:

in Jesus, your sins are forgiven.  
And let God's love comfort and heal your soul.

Redeeming God,  
in You, we are always welcome and accepted,  
always forgiven and renewed.

Draw us closer to You, today and always. Amen.

~ submitted by Gill Le Fevre from re:worship.org

## TIME OF SILENCE

## EXPLORING WHO GOD IS

It is the cry of our hearts to follow God. It is the cry of our hearts to be close to God. May God indeed teach us the holy ways that so that we might walk alongside God in the path God prepares.

### Opening Song---

*Six Ways to Sunday (Band)*

### Cry of My Heart

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### Chorus

It is the cry of my heart to follow You  
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You  
It is the cry of my heart  
To follow All of the days of my life

### Verse 1

Teach me Your holy ways oh Lord  
So I can walk in Your truth  
Teach me Your holy ways oh Lord  
And make me wholly devoted to You  
Oh oh whoa

## **Verse 2**

Open my eyes so I can see  
The wonderful things that You do  
Open my heart up more and more  
And make it wholly devoted to You  
Oh oh whoa

## **Ending**

All of the days of my life (4X)

## **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

*Kimberly Gardner*

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

Faithful God of love,  
you blessed us with your servant Son  
so that we might know how to serve your people  
with justice and with mercy.  
We gather the needs of ourselves and others,  
and offer them to you in faith and love,  
seeking to be strengthened to meet them.

*We pray for the people of this congregation . . .*

*For those who suffer and those in trouble . . .*

*For the concerns of our local community . . .*

*For our nation and the world, its peoples, and its leaders . .*

*For the Church universal –its leaders, its members, and its mission . .*

*For the concerns that we lift to you only in the quiet of our hearts . .*

Shape us and transform us by your grace,  
that we may grow in wisdom and in confidence,  
never faltering until we have done all that you desire  
to bring your realm of shalom to fulfillment. Amen.

(Prayer from Vanderbilt Revised Lectionary Website)

Let us pray together the prayer Jesus taught us to pray

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

*Rev Dewey Knowles*

*Liturgist this morning is Joe Maillard*

## WHERE GOD IS LEADING US

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Joe Maillard*

God our helper,  
by your Holy Spirit, open our minds  
that as the Scriptures are read  
and your Word is proclaimed,  
we may be led into your truth  
and taught your will,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Source Book of Worship Resources, Volume 2, published in 1996 by Communication Resources, Canton, Ohio.

### SCRIPTURE — Psalm 19

*Joe Maillard*

### SERMON

*Rev Christina*

#### What Revives Us Along the Path

### APPLICATION

Eternal God,  
whose signature we see, if we dare to look,  
in the creation of the universe,  
help us this hour to look and to listen  
for Your handwriting and Your voice in this place,  
among these people.

Connect our temporary praise to Your timeless rhythms,  
Your ageless melodies,  
Your everlasting joyful noise.

Guide us now to focus upon You,  
knowing that in You,  
our distractions become new possibilities for action.

Breathe life into our singing, our praying,  
our speaking, our listening, our touching,  
that all these activities might become more than they are.  
In our worship we reach out to You, O God,  
knowing that You have already enfolded us in Your arms.  
In Jesus, we pray. Amen.

~ posted on My Redeemer Lives website. <http://www.myredeemerlives.com/prayers.html>

## OFFERING

For all things come from you O God and of your own have we given to you. (1 Chronicles 29:14)

The ways to give to the church are listed there on your screen. You can mail a check to the church or give electronically through our website. Let us now pray of the offerings that will be collected.

God of the wilderness,  
We give these offerings in gratitude,  
rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.  
We give these offerings in faith,  
trusting that you will provide for our needs.  
We give these offerings in hope,  
knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world.  
And with these offerings, we give ourselves;  
May we live with generous hearts, with open hands. Amen

~ written by Joanna Harader, and posted on her **Spacious Faith** blog. <http://spaciousfaith.com/>

## Doxology

*Andy & Svetlana Maddox*

### **Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow – UMH #95**

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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**

O Master, let us walk with you along the path. Help us to bear the strain of toil and the fret of care.

## CLOSING SONG

*Andy & Svetlana Maddox*

### **O Master Let Me Walk with Thee #430 All Verses**

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### **Verse 1**

O Master let me walk with Thee  
In lowly paths of service free  
Tell me Thy secret  
Help me bear the strain of toil  
The fret of care

### **Verse 2**

Help me the slow of heart to move  
By some clear winning word of love  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay  
And guide them in the homeward way

### **Verse 3**

Teach me Thy patience still with Thee  
In closer dearer company  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong  
In trust that triumphs over wrong

### **Verse 4**

In hope that sends a shining ray  
Far down the future's broadening way  
In peace that only Thou canst give  
With Thee O Master let me live

## **GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD TO APPLY WHAT WE LEARNED**

In the Lenten week ahead,  
find time and space to listen for God's glory  
as it is spoken in the world around you.

May God shine upon you,  
Christ fill you with true wisdom and strength,  
and the Holy Spirit guide you into all faithfulness,  
now and forever.

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### **PASSING THE PEACE**

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**And also, with you**

## **INVITATION TO NEXT WEEK**

I invite you to join us next week on the 4th Sunday of Lent as we continue walking this path with God— as we seek to get through the dark places.

After worship, you are invited to join us for communion on Zoom. Bring your bread/crackers and juice/wine. The link to join us is in the email you received with the links to this service. There are also instructions on this screen. We will gather about 10:45

You are also invited to join us on our Facebook Group Whitney United Methodist church group to chat about the service. You can join the conversation anytime.

Also remember that on our radio program Reach out and Trust which is broadcast on KBXL 94.1 FM on Sunday morning at 7:30 am and 11:30 am. One of my recent sermons will be broadcast on that program.

**May God be with us until we meet again**