



**WHITNEY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Boise, Idaho**

Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024

* invites you to stand as you are able

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude Music

Becca Taylor

Gathering Song & Candle Lighting

“Lord, I Need You”

Six Ways to Sunday

Welcome

Pastor Daryl

Choral Introit

“O Lord, Your Tenderness”

Graham Kendrick

*Call to Worship

Charles Owusu-Ansah, liturgist

One: Welcome this day to the second step on our
Lenten Journey.

**Many: We come with great hope and expectation as
we walk the way of Christ.**

One: Today’s journey will demand much of us.

Many: Lord, make us ready to offer ourselves to you.

One: Come, let us begin again the wondrous excursion.

**Many: Let us place our lives in God’s abiding love.
AMEN.**

*Opening Hymn

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus ”

Six Ways to Sunday

FWS #2129

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Guiding Lord, even though we hesitate on our Lenten
journey; we vow to come with you through all the trials and
fears toward the Cross. Today we face the challenge which
true commitment brings. Are we willing to offer our whole
selves to you in service? We would like to think that we**

can do that, but we are aware of how many times we have turned away from service and instead focused on our own desires. Remind us again of the commitment you would have us give if we are to become disciples. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Lead us forward, gracious Lord, up these steps toward the Cross. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Affirmation

The journey of discipleship is never easy; but you can be assured that you will not be on this journey alone. Place your trust in Jesus. **Amen.**

Anthem

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”
arr. James Mulholland

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading – Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Scripture Reading – Mark 8:31-38

Sermon

“Jesus is the Answer; Now What Is the Question?”
Rev. Daryl Blanksma

*Song

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
UMH #298

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayers of the People / Lord’s Prayer

Announcements

Invitation to Offering/Offerory

*Doxology/Offering Prayer

UMH #95

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

Celebrating Black History Month

*Closing Song

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”
UMH #521

*Benediction

Postlude

Becca Taylor

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25

WHITNEY QUARTERLY

We are working on the Spring edition of the Whitney Quarterly. If you have articles, pictures, or other information to share please turn it in to the church office by this Tuesday, February 27. You can email information to office@whitneyumc.org or leave it on the Secretary's desk.

RECONCILING DISCUSSION

The Reconciling Ministries Team would like to begin a discussion of whether or not to affirm the foundational statement of Reconciling Ministries and affiliate with the Reconciling Ministries Network. Our first discussion will take place next Sunday, March 3 following Worship. All persons present who wish to speak will have up to three minutes to present their views.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Are you new to Whitney or a long-time attender who would like to learn to more about becoming a member? Pastor Daryl will be holding a new member orientation following Worship on March 10. It will last an hour or less. Following the orientation, we will schedule a Sunday to receive new members for those who are interested in joining.

ADJUSTED OFFICE HOURS MONDAY & TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26-27

This Monday, the office will be open 10 AM to 12 PM. Tuesday, the office will be open 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Regular office hours will be in place the rest of the week.

Whitney UMC is a *SCHOOL OF LOVE* where we learn to love God, one another, ourselves, and creation as Jesus teaches.

ALL Are Welcome Here!

We, the Whitney United Methodist Church, declare that all persons are welcome to attend, join, and participate fully in the life of our congregation regardless of age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic condition, marital status, and mental or physical ability.

Upcoming Events

- February 25 – Soup Lunch following Worship
- March 3 – Reconciling Discussion following Worship
- March 6 – United Women in Faith; Noon potluck
- March 10 – New Member Orientation following Worship

A link to our full Calendar of Events can be viewed on our webpage at www.whitneyumc.org.

Assisting in Worship Today:

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| Liturgist: Charles Owusu-Ansah | Pianist: Becca Taylor |
| Sound: Bert Allen | Band Director: Kevin Daniel |
| Online Feed: Rich Keefe | Choir Director: Isaac Flake |
| Head Usher: Bill Slupe | Nursery: Lorrie Baer |
| Pastor: Rev. Daryl Blanksma | Visuals: Bobbie Bynum |



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