



**WHITNEY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Boise, Idaho**

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024

* invites you to stand as you are able

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude Music	Juli Draney
Gathering Song & Candle Lighting	“Sanctuary”
Six Ways to Sunday	FWS #2164
Welcome	Pastor Daryl
Choral Introit	“Rise Up, Ye Saints of God” Merrill/Walter

*Call to Worship Stewart Gardner, liturgist

One: Welcome, beloved congregation, to this time of worship. Today, we gather to celebrate the calling we have received to be heroes in our own lives and in the lives of others. Let us open our hearts and minds to the presence of the Divine, who empowers us to be courageous and compassionate in our journey.

All: **We answer the call to be heroes, ready to serve with courage and love.**

One: Together, let us lift our voices in praise and gratitude for the opportunity to make a difference in the world. May our worship be a testament to our commitment to live out our calling with purpose and dedication.

All: **We are ready to embrace our calling, to shine as beacons of hope and strength in the midst of darkness, Help us Lord, Amen.**

*Opening Hymn

Six Ways to Sunday “Here I Am, Lord”
UMH #593

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we come before you today with humble hearts, acknowledging our need for your forgiveness and grace. We confess that we have fallen short of your perfect standards and have strayed from your ways. We confess the times when we have acted out of selfishness, putting our own desires above your will. We repent for the times when we have hurt others with our words or actions, and for the times when we have failed to show love and compassion to those around us.

Forgive us, Lord, for the times when we have neglected to seek your guidance and wisdom, relying on our own understanding instead. Help us to surrender our lives completely to you, trusting in your plan and purpose for us.

We thank you, Father, for your unfailing love and mercy, which are new every morning. May your Spirit convict us of our sins and lead us to true repentance. Help us to walk in obedience and righteousness, reflecting your love and grace to the world around us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Anthem

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”
Gilbert M. Martin

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading – Ecclesiastes 9:13-18

Scripture Reading – Matthew 5:13-16

Sermon

“Superhero of a Village”
Charles Owusu-Ansah

*Song

“We Are Marching”
FWS #2235-b

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayers of the People / Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Invitation to Offering/Offertory

*Doxology/Offering Prayer

UMH #95

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*Closing Song

“O God, Our Strength and Refuge”
Tune: Passion Chorale (UMH #286)

*Benediction

Postlude

Juli Draney

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 10

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Pastor Daryl will be holding a new member orientation following Worship today. This is a chance for those who are new to Whitney or who would like to join Whitney to come and learn a little bit more about Whitney and The United Methodist Church.

OFFICE HOUR CHANGES

The office secretary will be gone March 13 through March 20. Pastor Daryl will be in the office on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 1pm-3pm, or other times by appointment. The office secretary will return on Thursday 3/21.

Beginning on Monday, March 25, office hours on Mondays and Tuesdays will be from 10 am to 3 pm. Thursday hours will continue as usual (1:30pm - 5 pm).

COMMUNITY DINNER

Friday, March 15; 5:30 pm

The next Community Dinner is this Friday, March 15 at 5:30 pm. As always, we need plenty of helpers to set up, serve, and clean up. Let Emily Nelson know if you can help. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this meal that we put on for the Bench community.

THE CLOBBER PASSAGES – A BIBLE STUDY

Sunday, March 17 - following Worship

There are approximately six verses (out of 31,000) in Scripture that appear to reference same-sex relations. Three in the Old Testament. And three in the New Testament. These passages have formed the basis for many Christians to believe that same-sex relationships are sinful. These six verses have been dubbed “the clobber passages.” Join Pastor Daryl to take a look at the clobber passages. What do they really say and how should we understand them today?

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

- March 15 – Community Dinner; 5:30-6:30 pm
- March 19 – Celia Cowan Circle; Noon
- March 24 – Palm/Passion Sunday; 10 am Worship
- March 28 – Holy Thursday; 7 pm Worship
- March 31 – Easter; 10 am 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: Stewart Gardner | Pianist: Juli Draney |
| 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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