



United Methodist Church of Antioch
February 14, 2024

PRELUDE

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

WELCOME

** Invites you to stand as you are able, or to sit with gusto!*

MISSION STATEMENT (Unison)

The mission of the United Methodist Church of Antioch is to grow in faith; to worship God following the teachings of Jesus Christ, and to be instruments of God's love through the Holy Spirit as we reach out to our community and the world.

WE ARE WELCOMED TO WORSHIP

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also, with you.

L: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

P: God's mercy endures forever.

HYMN Black Hymnal #2128

Come and Find the Quiet Center

OPENING PRAYER #353

O God, maker of everything and judge of all that you have made, from the dust of the earth you have formed us and from the dust of death you would raise us up. By the redemptive power of the cross, create in us clean hearts and put within us a new spirit, that we may repent of our sins and lead lives worthy of your calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE ASK FOR UNDERSTANDING

In this season of Lent, we come to you, O Christ, looking for ways to do what might be familiar or what might be new. Help us use the Scriptural stories to understand to an even greater depth your love for us, O God, and how that love asks us to grow and change. Awaken us in these moments to a new awareness. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS -Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. “So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who

is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

L: The word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

Rev. Katie Voigt

How to...Give

**INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN
DISCIPLINE**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

SPECIAL MUSIC

Nicole Heyl

CONFESSION AND PARDON (Psalm 51:1-17, #785)

L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

P: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

L: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

P: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

L: Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless in your judgment.

P: Behold I was born into iniquity, and I have been sinful since my mother conceived me.

L: Let us now pray silently to God, taking our confession directly to God.

Time for silent confession

L: May the almighty and merciful God, who desires not the death of a sinner but that we turn from wickedness and live, accept our repentance, forgive our sins, and restore us by the Holy Spirit to newness of life. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Sweet Hour of Prayer/I Need Thee Every Hour

WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Lord, we thank you for giving us the opportunity to turn again to you. Thank you for hearing our confession. Bless now our acts of generosity that are inspired by your generosity so that others will know your forgiveness, too. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN Red Hymnal #395

Take Time to Be Holy

*WE GO FORTH WITH BLESSING

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

P: And also, with you. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Red indicates “The United Methodist Hymnal”

Black indicates “The Faith We Sing”

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today	Ash Wednesday Worship Service, 6:30pm
Thurs, Feb 15	UMCAP, 9am-2pm AA, 6-7pm/White Room
Fri, Feb 16	AA, 6-7pm/White Room
Sat, Feb 17	AA, 6-7pm/White Room
Sun, Feb 18	Worship, 8am & 10:30am Sunday School/Choir/Church Chat, 9:15am Handbell Rehearsal, 11:45am-12:30pm New Members Class, 2:00pm

Announcements

-Our Lent study will be a little different this year. Using *Lent & Easter with John & Charles Wesley: A Devotional Guide* by Steven W. Manskar, you are invited to join Pastor Katie on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm where we will do that day's devotion together and then discuss how the rest of the week's readings have been challenging or interesting. Please purchase your own copy of the book (\$14.99 Amazon) before Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14) as the readings do start that day. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Katie. Class will start Tuesday, Feb. 20.

-New Members Class: If you are interested in joining the church as an adult, Pastor Katie has a new members class planned for Sundays February 18, 25, March 3, 10. Each session will start at 2:00pm and last about an hour. After the class is complete, we will try to find a date that works for the people who have taken the class to join the church – either by baptism, profession of faith, or transfer of membership from a different church. Please sign up on the sheet in Wesley Hall to indicate your interest!

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

	Today	Feb 18
Greeters	6:30pm only	
8:00am		Shelby Wais
10:30am		Pat Calkins
Ushers		
8:00am	Tom Kessell	Jim Menzer
10:30am		Tom Kessell
Soundboard		
8:00am	Denny Sathoff	Walt Cichonski
10:30am		Mike Lapke
Liturgists		
8:00am		Denny Sathoff
10:30am		Margaret Zaller
Coffee Servers		
8:00am	-----	Sathoff Family
10:30am	-----	Carol Frazier Nancy Zitkus
Church Openers		Cichonski Family

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