

## 9:00 A.M. Traditional Service

### WELCOME AND GREETING

**PRELUDE** "Hallelujah! What a Savior!" by Larson

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Tom Gatchel

L: You who fear the LORD, praise Him! Glorify Him and stand in awe!

**P: He did not despise us in our afflictions, nor hide His face from us.**

L: He hears the cry of His people; he feeds the hungry and shelters the lost.

**P: May all the ends of the earth remember the LORD and turn to Him. Let all nations worship before Him.**

L: To Him shall all people bow down; every knee will bend before the glory of the LORD, the God Most High.

**P: Dominion belongs to the LORD, the ruler of every nation!**

**OPENING HYMN** "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" UMH #160

### OPENING PRAYER

**God of justice, You set forth the order of the universe and made laws for Your people. When we struggled under the burden of our unrighteousness, You gave us a path to salvation through the blood of Christ, the Lamb. Cleanse our hearts, LORD; sanctify us to serve Your perfect will. AMEN.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "A Lenten Walk" by Hal Hopson

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

### OFFERING AND ENGAGING OUR FAITH

### \*DOXOLOGY

**SCRIPTURE READING** Mark 10:32-52 Tom Gatchel

**SERMON** "Desperate Times Call For..." Pastor Joe Ziraldo

**REFLECTION SONG** "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" by Berry

**CLOSING HYMN** "Jesus the Very Thought of Thee" UMH #175

### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** "My Faith, It is an Oaken Staff" by Smith

## Messenger News

### PASSIONATE WORSHIP

**PRAYER GROUP** is meeting on every Friday at 11a.m.

### INTENTIONAL FAITH FORMATION

#### **NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CURRICULUM** -

All children, age 4 through 5th grade are invited to join our wonderful teachers downstairs to learn more about Jesus! WE HAVE ENROLLED IN A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM. Come check it out this Sunday from 10:00 to 10:30

#### **PRISON MINISTRY PRAYERS NEEDED**—

The blessing bucket this month will help support the financial needs of the Epiphany Prison Ministry in March. There is another way that you can support this ministry...Pray, Pray, Pray. There are sign-up sheets on the prayer table in the Fellowship Hall and in the back of the Sanctuary to pray for a half hour slot during the week-end. You only need to list your first name and set a reminder in your phone.

### RISK TAKING SERVICE

#### **INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED?** -

There are several opportunities for you to get involved. Please indicate your interest on the attendance card and someone will get in touch with you to discuss more details with you:

Opportunities:

- Substitute secretary
- Sunday Morning Cafe prep or clean-up
- Lead Discipleship Ministries
- Lead a new small group
- Lead Congregational Care Ministries
- Serve as an Usher or Greeter
- Teach a Sunday School Class on the third week of the month

#### **LAST THURSDAY MEAL** will be back this week.

The meal will include liver & onions, mashed potatoes, corn, and dessert. Please let Sharon Walden know if you would like to help.

## Announcements

### EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

**THE BLESSING BUCKET** will be passed around during the final hymn. For the month of February, we will be supporting the Epiphany Prison Ministry.

**ALTAR FLOWER OFFERING**— The altar flowers this week are given by Ron and Tonya Perry in memory of Paula Warner and Hazel Perry.

### OTHER NEWS

**NEXT TOWN HALL MEETING**—Our next town hall meeting is scheduled for today at 2:00 pm. This is your opportunity to ask questions that you may have and learn more about our next steps in fulfilling our mission.

**EASTER FLOWER ORDER**—This time to order Easter flowers this year is very short. Today is the last day to submit your order. Please make sure you get them in!

## 10:30 Contemporary Worship

### WELCOME AND GREETING

**OPENING SONG** "All Because Of Jesus" **Ignite Band**

**OPENING PRAYER** **Raph Guenther**

**PRAISE SONG** "Beautiful Scandalous Night"

### ENGAGING OUR FAITH

### PASTORIAL PRAYER AND THE LORDS PRAYER

**REFLECTION SONG** "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

**SCRIPTURE READING** Mark 10:32-52 **Carrie Reynolds**

**SERMON** "Desperate Times Call For..." **Pastor Joe Ziraldo**

### COMMUNION AND OFFERING

**REFLECTION SONG** "How Great Is The Love"

### BLESSING

**POSTLUDE** "All Because Of Jesus"

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, February 25

9:00 a.m. Online and In Person Worship Service  
10:30 a.m. Online and In Person Worship Service  
2:00 p.m. Townhall Meeting

### Monday, February 26

1:30 p.m. Martha Circle

### Tuesday, February 27

1:30 p.m. Priscilla Circle

### Wednesday, February 28

### Thursday, February 29

4:30 p.m. Last Thursday Meal  
6:00 p.m. Coffee House Worship

### Friday, March 1

### Saturday, March 2

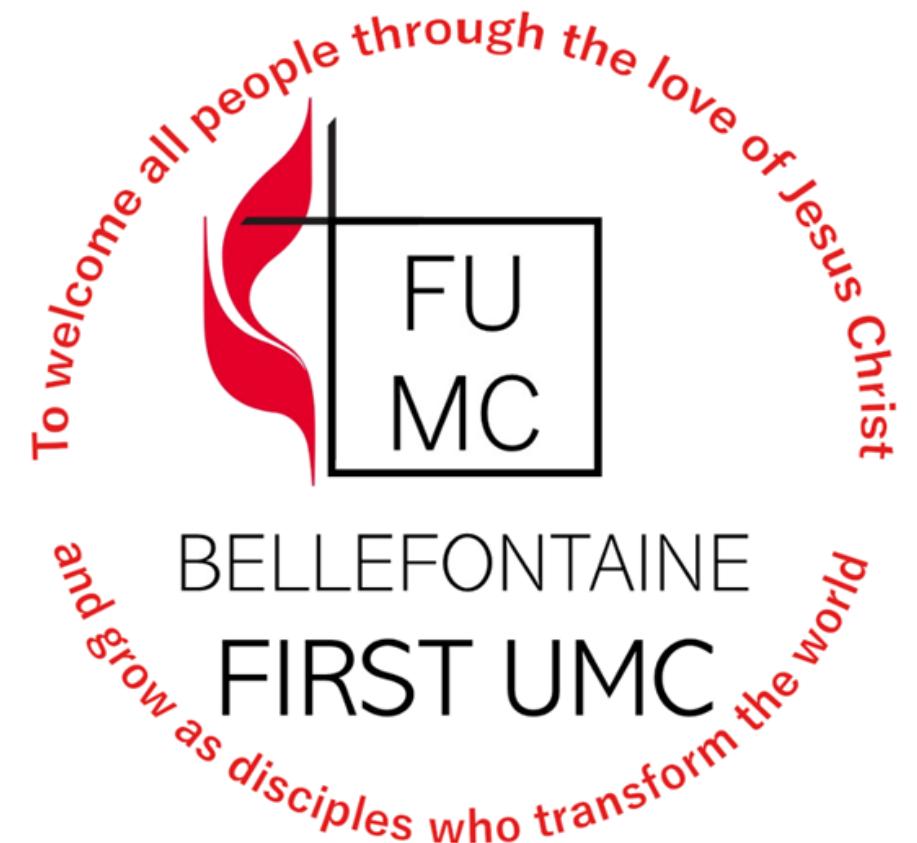
7:00 p.m. N.A.

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Mike Suman, Choir Director  
Joe Antram, Adult Handbell Director  
Marianne Antram, Organist/Pianist  
Kathy O'Conner, Keyboard Staff  
Carol Burton, Choir Accompanist  
Wayne Fahnstock, Custodian



**February 25, 2024**  
**9:00 Traditional**  
**10:30 Contemporary**

**Our Mission:** *To welcome all people through the love of Jesus Christ and grow as disciples who transform the world.*

**Our Vision:** *To be an intentionally inviting Christian community.*

***Every member is a minister !***

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# **A Lenten Walk**

by Hal Hopson

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Oh, nobody else could walk it for him,  
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We must walk this lonesome valley,  
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