



God is love, and all who live in love  
live in God, and God lives in them.

— 1 John 4:16b

February 26, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent

# Order of Worship

(\*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

- PRELUDE “Adagio—Sonata No. 2” (Merkel) Henry Repp
- GREETING Rev. Todd Lattig
- \*CALL TO WORSHIP Kathleen Meredith  
We wonder — who is God?  
**We wonder — where is God?**  
We wonder — how do we reach God? How do we learn about God?  
**We wonder — are the answers in loving?**
- \*OPENING HYMN “Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed” UMH 359
- \*OPENING PRAYER (unison) Kathleen Meredith  
**We seek, we wonder, we ponder the mystery that is you, God.  
We would like some clarity to cling to! But instead of the  
certainty we seek, your answer is an invitation: the invitation  
to love. Amen.**
- ANTHEM “Magnify, Glorify, Worship” (Mengel) Chancel Choir
- COMMUNITY PRAYER Rev. Lattig
- CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER Chancel Choir
- KIDS ROCK CHILDREN’S SERMON Rev. Lattig
- SCRIPTURE READING Kathleen Meredith

## 1 John 4:7-19

<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

<sup>9</sup> God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. <sup>10</sup> This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

<sup>11</sup> Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.

<sup>13</sup> And God has given us his Spirit as proof that we live in him and he in us. <sup>14</sup> Furthermore, we have seen with our own eyes and now testify that

the Father sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> All who declare that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them, and they live in God. <sup>16</sup> We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love.

God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. <sup>17</sup> And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world.

<sup>18</sup> Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love. <sup>19</sup> We love each other because he loved us first.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God for this Word.**

ANTHEM	“Trust and Obey” (Raney)	Chancel Choir
SERMON	Questions to God: “Who Is God?”	Rev. Lattig
OFFERTORY	“Offertory” (Merkel)	Henry Repp
You may leave your offering in the plate in the narthex or scan one of the QR codes on the back of this bulletin to make your offering electronically.		
*DOXOLOGY		UMH 95
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)		Kathleen Meredith
<b>God, thank you for showing us what love is and who love is.</b>		
<b>As we try to be living testaments to that love, help us use these gifts to spread love’s reach. In Jesus’ name, Amen.</b>		
*CLOSING HYMN	“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”	UMH 384
SERVICE OF DIMINISHING LIGHTS		Kathleen Meredith
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Lattig
POSTLUDE	“Festal Flourish” (Jacob)	Henry Repp

## Schedule This Week...

<b>Monday, February 27:</b>	<b>10 Chair Yoga HH</b>
<b>Thursday, March 2:</b>	<b>7 Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Saturday, March 4:</b>	<b>9-2 Treasures of Hope</b>
	<b>10 Unity Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary</b>
<b>Sunday, March 5:</b>	<b>9 Joy Fellowship Service &amp; Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:30 Sanctuary Service</b>
	<b>2 Unity Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary</b>

### Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor  
Liturgist  
Organist/Music Director  
Greeter  
Camera Operator  
Soundboard Operator

Rev. Todd Lattig  
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