

**SOUTH COMMUNITY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
February 4, 2024  
Sixth Sunday After Epiphany**

**Prelude**

**Greeting**

**Call to Worship**

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart in the company of the upright in the congregation.

**Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.**

The works of God's hands are faithful and just; all God's precepts are trustworthy.

**They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

God's works extend to you and me and the whole community as the Spirit nurtures gifts and graces in each of us.

**Great are the works of the Lord, whose love and grace endures forever!**

God raises up some to be prophets to help us follow God's voice, yet we all are called to lead by following.

**We affirm the gifts of those who are called to be truth-tellers in our midst, helping us all to answer the call to be truth-doers. Great are the works of the Lord! Amen.**

**Singing:** *Majesty, Worship His Majesty (sing to times)* pg. 176 \*

**Sharing a Blessing**

**Children's Time**

**A Time of Prayer**

**Our Offering**

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* pg. 95 \*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Singing:** *Open My Eyes That I May See* pg. 454 \*

**Message: Among Your Own People**

**Deuteronomy 18:15-20 & Mark 1:21-28**

**A Time for Holy Communion**

**Singing:** *It Is Well With My Soul* pg. 377 \*

**Benediction**

**Singing:** *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* (1<sup>st</sup> verse) pg. 664 \*

**Postlude**

\* Please stand if you are able.

**Accompanist:** Megan Schihl

**Sharing Sunday**

Next week Sunday is Sharing Sunday for OASIS, a shelter for women & children of domestic violence. OASIS has requested diapers, in all sizes, besides the usual non-perishable food items, personal hygiene products & paper products. Thank you.

**Ash Wednesday Worship**

Lent is the church season leading up to Easter. It is a season of 40 days (not counting Sundays) and is seen as a time of preparation for Easter. The first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday, which is February 14 this year. There will be a special time of worship on Ash Wednesday at both South Community & at Marion. Please join us as we mark the beginning of Lent. Worship at South Community at 6pm, at Marion 7pm.

**Lenten Devotionals Available**

We have a personal daily devotional for you to use during Lent. Please pick up a copy of "The Sanctuary for Lent 2024" from the table by the entrance. There should be enough copies available for each household to have one.

**Lenten Brunch**

We have a custom of a Lenten brunch that would be on the Saturday before Palm Sunday. This consisted of sharing brunch together and then enjoying some type of program. Some programs in the past included the Patriot Choir, the Beulah Land Quartet, & Phil Stagg sharing his photographs of beautiful waterfalls of Michigan. Should we have a Lenten brunch this year? If so, do you have any suggestions who might provide a program?

**Readings For Next Sunday**

Our worship series is, "Becoming the People of God". Our topic for next Sunday will be "With Wings Like Eagles" and our readings from the Bible will be from Isaiah 40:21-31 & Mark 1:29-39.

**Chili Cook Off Fundraiser**

We are having a chili cookoff on Friday, February 16 at 6pm. Bring your own table service along with a crockpot of chili to compete with or a side dish or dessert. We will vote for our favorite chili with dollars. All proceeds will go to Ferris Wesley House. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

**Bulletin Board**

Check the bulletin board in the back of sanctuary for community events.