

**SOUTH COMMUNITY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
February 11, 2024**

**Prelude**

**Greeting**

**Call to Worship**

Are you listening? God is doing a new thing! People of God, welcome! Surely God is in this place!

**We come to worship and to rest in God's presence.**

Breathe deep for the goodness of God surrounds us.

**The Holy One who sustains the universe is near.**

When we are tired, worn down, and carrying heavy burdens, God is with us.

**God strengthens us that we might help carry one another's burdens.**

So, let us join together in wonder and thanksgiving for God's love that lifts us up on wings like eagles.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Singing:** *God of the Ages* pg. 698 \*

**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:** *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* pg. 349 \*

**Message: With Wings Like Eagles**  
**Isaiah 40:21-31 & Mark 1:29-39**

**Singing:** *On Eagle's Wings* pg. 143 \*

**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**

Today is Sharing Sunday for OASIS. Please put your donations in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you.

**Readings For Next Sunday**

Next Sunday begins a new worship series, "Depths of Love". The Season of Lent is a time of self-reflection, of spiritual examination. While that is a healthy and necessary exercise, we don't examine ourselves in isolation. Instead, we are invited to lay our lives alongside the life of Jesus. It is a sobering exercise to say the least. And yet, what we discover in this examination of his life and ours, is not condemnation or recrimination. Instead, we are overwhelmed, the farther we go on this journey with him, by the depths of love he has for all of us. Lent is a time for getting our spiritual house in order, that is true. But above all, it is an invitation to once again commit to love like Christ loves. Our topic for next Sunday will be "Has Come Near" and our readings from the Bible will be from Mark 1:9-15.

**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?

**Chili Cook Off Fundraiser**

We are having a chili cook-off on Friday, February 16 at 6pm. bring your own table service along with a crock pot 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.