

SOUTH COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

“THE BROKEN CUP”

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ENTER INTO GOD’S DIVINE PRESENCE

***CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation in bold)**

Our ordinary, messy lives are filled with the light and love of Jesus!

We proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord in our ordinary, messy lives!

We are servants for Jesus’ sake, surrendering to God’s power at work in us.

Even in our trouble, uncertainty, and confusion,

We are servants for Jesus’ sake, surrendering to God’s power at work in us.

Even in persecution we’ve endured, even when we’ve been thrown down,

We surrender to God’s power at work in our ordinary, messy lives.

Let’s light up this dark world with Jesus’ light and love!

***OPENING HYMN - “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”**

UMH 295

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

Lord of mercy and grace, we thank you for the gift of your presence here today. We come to you as broken vessels. We acknowledge that breaking is part of life. We ask that through the power of your Holy Spirit you heal not only us, but all who are broken. You and only you can bring purpose and beauty out of our brokenness and make us whole. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Healing One, we don’t have to look far to see that there are broken places in the world and in ourselves. Forgive us for ways we have contributed to brokenness through our sharpness, our carelessness, or our denial. Forgive us for ways we have tried to hide or fix ourselves. Help us not be afraid or ashamed of our brokenness but help us lift it to Jesus, the Great Healer. Help us believe that transformation is possible and that it shines like gold through the cracks. Forgive us, quench us, make us whole, all in the name of Jesus. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (congregation in bold)

Welcome now the abundant grace of God: in Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

Let God's love comfort and heal your soul.

Redeeming God, in you we are always welcome and accepted, always forgiven and renewed. Draw us closer to you today and always. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE READING – 2 Cor. 4:5-11

SERMON – “Treasure in Clay Jars”

WE RESPOND IN JOYFUL SERVICE

***HYMN OF RESPONSE – “Blessed Assurance” UMH 369**

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

***Doxology**

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Bless our gifts, Creative God, that they may become streaks of gold, shining through the brokenness of the world.

Through your touch may our giving bring your beauty into view. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***CLOSING HYMN – “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”**

UMH 382

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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