

**CADILLAC UMC
SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
“THE CUP YOU CHOOSE”**

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ENTER INTO GOD’S DIVINE PRESENCE

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

God, we choose you! Our hearts are glad! Our whole bodies shout for joy and rest in you.

God, we choose you when good things are happening and joy can easily be found.

We choose you when our thoughts trouble us and we can’t find sleep.

God, you are our cup of blessing and you hold our futures.

We bless you because you are our Counselor, Guide, and the One who secures us. **God, we choose you! Our hearts are glad! Our whole bodies shout for joy and rest in you.**

***OPENING HYMN - “Jesus Is All the World to Me” UMH
469**

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty God, we praise your holy name. You have chosen us as your people and in return we love you and it’s our

**desire to know you more. Give us a thirst for you that we may choose nothing less than to become like Jesus. In the wonderful and powerful name of Jesus Christ we pray.
Amen.**

WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Truth and Grace, forgive us when we are tempted to turn to the many false gods out there, gods like politics, vanity, consumerism, achievement, or constant satisfaction. You are the Lord of Lords, our True North, our First Love. Help us place you at the center of our thoughts, discover you to be the ground beneath our walking, and stand firm in you as the foundation on which we build our lives. 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)

The Lord is our chosen portion and our cup.

God binds us in, counsels our minds, and instructs our hearts.

God helps us to stand firm for justice, mercy, and peace.

When we fall, God lifts us up, forgives us, and remembers our sins no more. Thanks be to God! Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SPECIAL MUSIC – Megan Leineke “In Christ Alone”

SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 16

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

SERMON – “The Cup You Choose”

WE RESPOND IN JOYFUL SERVICE

***HYMN OF RESPONSE – “I Am Thine, O Lord” UMH 419**

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.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

***Doxology**

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

When we turn our lives to you, O God, we find ourselves enrolled in your sacred story, becoming participants in the work of salvation. With open hands we offer to you our tithes and gifts, so that all your children may come to declare “the boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places.” Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***CLOSING HYMN – “God Will Take Care of You” UMH 130**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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