

\*Standing as able or desired

\*\*GUEST, please place an information card in the offering or give it to an usher. Be sure to indicate any follow-up we can offer.

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

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## Signal Hill United Methodist Church

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February 11, 2018

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREET ONE ANOTHER, MEET SOMEONE YOU DON'T KNOW

GATHERING MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLACK HISTORY MOMENT

CALL TO WORSHIP

LITURGIST: The Lord is Sovereign; let the people tremble in awe.

ALL: God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

LITURGIST: The Lord is great in Zion, and is high above all peoples.

ALL: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God, and worship Yahweh upon the holy mountain. Amen.

\*SONG: "God of Love and God of Power" - UMH #578

ACOLYTE

OPENING PRAYER (unison) - O God, your will is that all your children should grow into fullness of life. We lift to you the ministry of scouting. We offer you thanks for camping, to teach us that the world is our great home; for study and work, to build character; for service, to see our responsibility to those in need; for encouragement in genuine patriotism and vital faith. Bless the work of scouting, in this place and around the world, that, through its efforts, the young may, like our Lord, increase in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with you and all people. Amen.

OFFERING

\*\*Procession: "Awesome God" - Screen

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) - UMH #882

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Great Is the Lord"

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS: Prayer Requests

Litany Response: "Lord, hear our prayer"

\*SONG: "There Is a Balm in Gilead" - UMH #375

PRAYER of RECONCILIATION (unison) - O God of all nations, you manifested your love by sending your only Son into the world that all might live through him. Pour your Spirit on your Church, that it may fulfill his command to preach the gospel everywhere, send forth laborers into your harvest; defend them in all dangers and temptations; give them grace to bear faithful witness to you; endure them with zeal and love, that they may turn many to righteousness; through the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*SONG: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" - UMH #474

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

MESSAGE: "All Things to All People" - Rev. Arthur Francis

SONG: "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" - UMH #569

ACOLYTE

CLOSING BLESSING

PASTOR: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

ALL: And you as well. Amen.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**FOOD COLLECTION:** Rotating among *Bethany Place*,  
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**CHOIR PRACTICE** every **Thursday** at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

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donated items in the designated boxes in the Narthex.

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## GATHERING MUSIC & WORDS OF INSTRUCTION

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

The Lord is merciful to all and hates nothing he has created.

**Our God overlooks our sins to bring us to repentance.**

He is the Lord, our God, and is greatly to be praised.

**Lord, protect us in our struggle against evil.**

**As we begin the discipline of Lent make this day holy by our self-denial.**

Let us pray:

**Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent.**

**Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, he who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.**

**AMEN**

### \* OPENING SONG      *Just As I Am*      # 357

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING      Joel 2:12-18

In our first reading the prophet Joel points to the fact that works of penance, if not related to that inner conversion to God in love, are worthless. Whatever has happened in the past, God is merciful and willing to forgive.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### \* RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 51 with Response #1

# 785

#### EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away our sins. The Apostle Paul reminds us that forgiveness is available now to all who ask for it and that now is the acceptable time.

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#### \* THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:1-6; 16-18

The Gospel message is similar to the one in the first Bible reading. External works of penance have no value in themselves. We must relate them to the real penance, our conversion to God. Please stand out of respect for the Gospel

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

#### SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Let us now in silence reflect on the Gospel text and make our confession and our vows of repentance and new life before the Lord.  
(silent prayer and meditation)

Lord forgive our sins as we forgive those who trespass against us.

**I confess to you O God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do. I am truly sorry and humbly repent.**

**Lord, hear our prayer of repentance and bless us that we might walk in the newness of the life that you offer. AMEN**

## **BLESSING AND MARKING WITH ASHES**

Dear Friends in Christ, let us ask our Father to bless these ashes which we will use as the mark of our repentance.

**Lord, bless these ashes by which we show that we are dust. Pardon our sins and keep us faithful to the discipline of Lent, for you do not want sinners to die but to live with the risen Christ.**

**Almighty God, from the dust of the earth you have created us. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence and a reminder that only by your gracious gift are we given eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. AMEN.**

*Those who desire to receive ashes now come forward.*

*Reverend Francis will sign you with ashes saying*

*“Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.”*

*After all have received, the service continues with the following:*

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation that we may show forth your glory in the world.

**By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord, bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Hear these words addressed to penitent believers: *If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous; and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.*

**Praise be to God for his grace and mercy. AMEN**

\* **SONG**      *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*    # 269

\* **UNISON CLOSING PRAYER**

**God of compassion, through your son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve you and one another in holy love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**

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