

Order of Worship
Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

February 23, 2025—11 a.m.

“Enter to worship. Depart to serve.”

Our worship service is broadcast on the radio each Sunday morning at
8:00 AM on KELB, 100.5 FM

MUSICAL OFFERING

Woodwind Trio:
Beverly Jones, Jan Scott

(This time should be used for meditation and preparation for worship.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Weldon Bares

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“Holy is the Lord”

Anna Laura Page
Asbury Ringers

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The presence of the Lord is here;

Response: Protecting us, loving us, encouraging us.

Pastor: We come to witness God’s power;

Response: Fixing our eyes on what is true and right and holy.

Pastor: Let us fix our hearts and minds on Christ;

Response: The only one who can provide peace.

*OPENING PRAYER

God of Peace, we live in this world that is full of challenges and obstacles. Often our fears and anxieties overwhelm us. We come before You, seeking the strength and courage that only You can provide. Help us to overcome our fears. Amen

*OPENING HYMN

“Lily of the Valley”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Ann Courville

HYMN

“His Eye is On the Sparrow”

*PSALTER

Psalm 37
Verses 1-7

No. 772
Rev. Steffanie Pace

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Steffanie Pace

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23:4 and Isaiah 43: 1-5
Rev. Steffanie Pace

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Conquering Fear”

Rev. Weldon Bares

“Fear not, for I am with you. Don’t be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. I will help you. I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.”

-- Isaiah 41:10

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

No. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

OFFERING

(Please scan QR code to give online)



ANTHEM

“Meditation on Beautiful Savior”

Cathy Moglebust
Asbury Ringers

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow”

No. 95

*CLOSING HYMN

“Rock of Ages”

*BENEDICTION

CHIMES

*POSTLUDE

Postlude on “Lobe den Herren”

Richard A. Williamson

*Please stand if able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Text in Church: Don't forget to check in today and every Sunday via "Text in Church". If you have not connected before, text "CONNECT" to 217-247-1263. After connecting, text "HERE" to register attendance, "GIVE" to submit an offering, and "PRAY" to submit a prayer request.

Abraham's Tent February Workday is Monday, February 24. Food Preparation begins at 9:30 and serving at 11:15.

First Methodist Women (FMW) will meet Tuesday, February 25, at 5:00, in Room 109.

Ash Wednesday Services will be on March 5 at 12pm and 6pm. Join us for lunch in Paxton Hall following the noon service. Everyone is invited.

A Pastor's Reflection Sunday Rev. Weldon's weekly articles in the American Press and Perceptions on the radio are a vital part of our outreach ministry. These two outreach ministries are funded with your generous donations instead. **On Pastor's Reflection Sunday - March 9** - we offer the opportunity to sponsor a week for \$250, a month for \$1000 or donate any amount you feel led to contribute. Support A Pastor's Reflection and help us change hearts for Jesus Christ!

Caring Ministry Meeting - March 10 in Paxton Hall at 11:30 am. A light lunch will be served. If you are on this committee or if you would like to find out more about it, please join us.

"A Pastor's Reflection" Rev. Weldon has published 140 of his favorite columns for "A Pastor's Reflection." The book is available for purchase in the church office and on Amazon.

Collection Corner We have many opportunities for donations at our church. Our collection table outside Paxton Hall is now accepting Community Coffee labels for Kaufman Elementary, peanut butter and jelly for Faith and Friends Food Pantry, socks, gloves, and blessing bags for our Homeless Ministry. Thank you for supporting our local community!

Youth & Children Scripture Reading If you would like to read the scripture lesson on Sunday mornings at either the 9 a.m. or the 11 a.m. service, please call the office and let Rev. Pace know you are interested.

FUMCLC App If you haven't already, please download our church app. On it you can access our livestreamed services, upcoming events, Rev. Weldon's perceptions and his articles, and much more! Just search "Lake Charles United Methodist" in the app store to download.



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GIVE



JOIN



PRAY

First United Methodist Church, Lake Charles
February 23, 2025 Traditional Worship Hymn Lyric Sheet

HYMN "Lily of The Valley"

1 I have found a friend in Jesus, He's everything to me,
He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul;
The Lily of the Valley, in Him alone I see
All I need to cleanse and make me fully whole.
In sorrow He's my comfort, in trouble He's my stay;
He tells me every care on Him to roll.

Refrain:

He's the Lily of the Valley, the Bright and Morning Star,
He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.

2 He all my grief has taken, and all my sorrows borne;
In temptation He's my strong and mighty tow'r;
I have all for Him forsaken, and all my idols torn

From my heart and now He keeps me by His pow'r.
Though all the world forsake me, and Satan tempt me
sore,
Through Jesus I shall safely reach the goal. [Refrain]

3 He will never, never leave me, nor yet forsake me
here,
While I live by faith and do His blessed will;
A wall of fire about me, I've nothing now to fear,
From His manna He my hungry soul shall fill.
Then sweeping up to glory to see His blessed face,
Where rivers of delight shall ever roll. [Refrain]

HYMN "His Eye is On the Sparrow"

1 Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heav'n and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Refrain:

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

2 "Let not your heart be troubled," His tender word I hear,

And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
[Refrain]

3 Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
[Refrain]

HYMN "Rock of Ages"

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, From Thy wounded side
which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, Save from wrath and make me
pure.

2 Could my tears forever flow, could my zeal no languor
know,

These for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou
alone:
In my hand no price I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling.

3 While I draw this fleeting breath, When my eyes shall
close in death, When I rise to worlds unknown, and be-
hold Thee on Thy throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let
me hide myself in Thee.