

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH LINCOLNTON

Third Sunday of Epiphany
Eleven O'Clock A.M. January 26, 2020

GATHERING AND GREETING

(Please use this time to greet those around you, sign and pass the pew pads)

Welcome and Announcements

A TIME TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Prelude and Lighting of the Candles

Choral Call to Worship

"Sweet Sweet Spirit"

Organist / Acolytes

Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship

Bo King

Leader: We each have many gifts to offer in service and worship to God.

People: Some of us will be teachers; others preachers; some will be capable leaders, others will be skillful workers; some will have visions of new possibilities; others will find ways to make those visions a reality; some will develop ministries of peace and justice; others will be prayer warriors and mentors. We are different so that we can be one body.

Leader: Each person here has been blessed by God.

People: Lord, help us to use those blessings to help others. AMEN.

* Opening Hymn

"His Name Is Wonderful"

UMH# 174

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Bo King

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.

*Glory Be to the Father

UMH # 71

Children's Time

Mary Cagle

A TIME OF PRAYER AND PRAISE

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response

Old Testament Lesson

Anthem

Isaiah 9: 1-4

"The People Who Walk in Darkness"

Congregation

Chancel Choir

Bo King

Chancel Choir

A TIME OF JOY AND GIVING

Invitation to Offering:

God of the Universe, thank you that your promises are sure, you are faithful, I can rely on you. Your word says that we will find joy in offering our time, talents and money to meet the needs of others. Help us to give freely, sacrificially and cheerfully towards the work of your kingdom. May you cause the seeds that we sow to grow into well-watered, fruitful trees of life. Lord, bless us and keep us, make your face shine upon us. Turn your face towards us and give us peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Offertory

(Giving our tithes, and contemplation of how God has blessed us.)

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH# 94

TIME OF PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

Matthew 25: 31-46

Gospel Lesson

"Have You Seen Jesus Lately?"

Rev. Tony Matthews

Message

"Be Thou My Vision"

UMH # 451

*Closing Hymn

A TIME TO GO FORTH AS THE CHURCH

"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

*Benediction

Choral Response

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir

SENT FORTH, READY TO SERVE

*Postlude

Organist