

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sunday afternoons and some weeknights--Ebenezer Church in the (basement)

Monday: 10:30 a.m. Make sack lunches for Community Sharing (kitchen)

Kitchen Cleanup Day is 10:00, this Wednesday, March 22, "All Hands on Deck!"

On Maundy Thursday, April 6, Let us gather for a simple meal and then worship together with a joint communion service. In this way, commemorate the Lord's Final Meal and prepare for the joy of Easter and Christ's resurrection.

Next Week: March 26, 2023

"Who Could Stand"

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR A

Scriptures for next week:

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Romans 8:6-11

Psalms 130

John 11:1-45

We are almost at the end of our Lenten Journey, and we have hints of Resurrection. We have "a foretaste of glory divine," as the hymnist Fanny Crosby says. As if the Spirit and the lectionary preparers knew that we would need something to help us through the next couple of weeks. As if they knew that without this reminder, we would find it a very hard road as we made our way stumbling behind the Christ who suffered and died for us.

Notes and/or prayer requests: Many members of our body, and / or their families are sick, pray for health and healing from surgeries.



Welcome To

Cottage Grove United Methodist Church

**Worship God - Love People -
Train Disciples -
Serve the Community!**

Lay Minister: Janice Scanlon

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

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March 19, 2023

— FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT —

In the Presence

LEARNING TO LIVE INSIDE OUT WORSHIP SERIES



Cottage Grove UMC
Gathering Music
Liturgist

Service for March 19, 2023
Chenye Xiong
Margie Schnirring

Welcome & Announcements

Recite Mission Statement:

*“Worship God, Love People, Train Disciples,
and Serve the Community.”*

Praise Songs: “The Summons” **TFWS # 2130**
 (Sing Verses 1, 2, 4)
 “Where the Spirit of the Lord Is” **TFWS # 2119**
 (Sing through once)
 “I’ve Got Peace Like a River” **TFWS # 2145**
 (sing 3 Verses)

* Opening Prayer

Liturgist

Responsive Reading:

Liturgist: Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

Response: We are learning to follow Jesus.

Liturgist: On this Lenten journey, where do we find God’s presence among us?

Response: One thing we know: God calls us to witness extraordinary love in ordinary moments.

Liturgist: On this Lenten journey, how does God’s presence work among us?

Response: One thing we know: God uses the messy and mundane to heal and restore us to one another.

Liturgist: On this Lenten journey, what does God’s presence do in our midst?

Response: One thing we know: God opens us to recognize presence, sustenance, and abundance where the world perceives isolation and lack.

Liturgist: Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

All: We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.

Song: “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” **UMH # 361**
 (Sing Verses 1, 2, 4)

Message: “In the Presence” Lay Minister, Janice Scanlon

Readings: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13 **PB # 443**

Ephesians 5: 8-14 **PB # 1822**

Message followed by one minute of meditative silence and prayer

Song: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” **UMH # 64**

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer Marlene Leith

Closing Song: “We Are The Church” **UMH # 558**
 (Sing Verses 1 & 4)

Parting Blessing:..... Lay Minister, Janice Scanlon

Music for Departure:Chenye Xiong

**Following the worship service, everyone is invited
to the Friendship Hall for refreshments.**

* Please stand if you are able

UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS: The Faith We Sing

PB: Pew Bible