



EAST BLOOMFIELD UMC

WHERE EVERYBODY BELONGS
AS WE SEEK GOD, SERVE GOD, SHARE GOD
ROMANS 8:28



Welcome to the Worship of God Sunday, March 19, 2023 – 4th Sunday of Lent

Please silence or turn off any mobile devices or alarms before service begins. Thank you!

✠ *Please stand as you are able, in body or in spirit.*

UMH = blue hymnal; FWS = black hymnal

If you have a prayer request, please fill out the prayer request slip in the pew and hand it to the usher during the first hymn.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

✠ Call to Worship

Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,
she who danced when earth was new.

Listen to the voice of Wisdom,
crying out for righteousness.

Follow closely after Wisdom,
Word made flesh and risen Lord.

Be the hands and feet of Wisdom,
holy friends of God and earth.

✠ Opening Hymn

“Would I Have Answered When You Called”

FWS #2137

Please pass prayer request slips to the ushers during the first hymn

Prayer of Confession

(from Psalm 51 1, 4, 7-12)

Have mercy on us, O God, for your love is faithful and your mercy is abundant. We confess that we have sinned against you, and have done what is evil in your sight: we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Wash away our sins, create in us a new heart, and open our mouths to speak your praise. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

UMH #482

Lord, have mercy. (x2) Christ, have mercy. (x2) Lord, have mercy. (x2)

Assurance of Pardon

(from Psalm 51:10, 17-19)

Hear the good news:

God listens to the cry of the brokenhearted and the prayer of all who repent. God rebuilds the holy places, restores the community of the faithful, and renews the spirit within.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Moment

The children are invited to go downstairs for Sunday School or return to their pews.

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Pew Bible p. 359

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"In the Heart"

Rev. Rachel Stuart

Reflection Hymn

"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

UMH #365

Prayers of the People

Let us pray: **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Lord's Prayer

You are invited to pray in whatever language or version is comfortable for you.

An English translation is provided below:

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

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.

Special Music and Offering

✠ Doxology

UMH #298, v. 4

✠ Prayer of Dedication and Consecration

SENDING FORTH

✠ Closing Hymn

"My Life Flows On"

FWS #2212

✠ Benediction

✠ Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

You are invited to greet one another and share signs of peace as you feel comfortable.

Postlude