

Thank You for Volunteering Your Service Today!

GREETERS

Outside
Inside

Volunteers Needed
Joyce & Stan Pridgeon

USHERS

Ann & John Jensen
Volunteers Needed

LITURGIST

David Kingsworthy

COFFEE HOSTS

David & Loretta Lopez

**Next Sunday, March 4, 2018
Communion Sunday**

Pastor Diane Gordon preaching

Sermon Series: Giving It Up
Sermon Title: Giving Up: Idolatry

Texts: Exodus 20:1-17 CEB
John 2:13-22 CEB

WORSHIP SERVICES CAN BE SEEN ON CHANNEL 191

Traditional Worship Service: Tuesday - 7:00 pm,
Wednesday - 2:50 pm, & Saturday - 6:30 pm

Contemporary Worship Service:
Wednesday - 6:00 am, Friday - 6:30 pm & Sunday - 7:00 pm

Worship Services from the previous week can also be seen on CHANNEL 187
on Sunday only: Traditional Service at 9:00 am
& Contemporary Service at 11:00 am
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We are a Stephen Ministry congregation
Christian Care, Compassion, Listening
— when you need it most.

Spiritual Direction is available to the congregation.



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February 25, 2018

9:00 a.m.

*"Making Disciples of Jesus Christ
for the Transformation of the World."*

Lenten Series: Giving It Up
Second Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2018

**Those who are comfortable standing, please stand.*

PRELUDE *Wonderful Words of Life* arr. Cindy Berry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please take a moment to sign the welcome pad
and pass it to others in the pew.)*

*** GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR**

*** OPENING HYMN** *Take Up Thy Cross* No. 415

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 22:23-31 CEB

Leader: The Word of God for all people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

PASTORAL PRAYER *(Ushers will collect your purple prayer requests)*

Prayer Song *Take Time to Be Holy* No. 395

Prayer

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.

*** HYMN OF PREPARATION** *Amazing Grace* No. 378

GOSPEL READING Mark 8:31-38 CEB

CHORAL ANTHEM *Live-A-Humble* arr. Peter Bagley
Chancel Choir

THE MESSAGE Giving Up: Superiority Pastor Diane Gordon

THE WORLD METHODIST SOCIAL AFFIRMATION No. 886

A TIME OF OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

My Jesus, I Love Thee arr. Jim Hammerly

* Doxology

No. 95

* Prayer of Dedication

(Loose coins will go to Association for Interfaith Ministries, AIM.)

*** HYMN OF DEDICATION** *Where He Leads Me* No. 338

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Soon and Very Soon* arr. Bill Wolaver

We are glad to be able to worship together today.
We invite you to join us for coffee and fellowship
in the Gathering Space following the service.