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8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



February 28, 2016



First United Methodist Church

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Music by The Lord's Crew

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Gathering

OPENING PRAISE *I Saw the Light*

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

*PRAISE SONGS *Have Thine Own Way/Power Medley
Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
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*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Just As I Am*

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SERMON "THE CRUX OF THE MATTER"
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RESPONSE SONG *I Surrender All*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION
(please bring offering up at Communion)

Words for Communion
Communion Song *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*
Prayer after Communion

Going Forth to Serve

*FINAL BLESSING *Just A Closer Walk With Thee*

*CLOSING SONG *He Is Jehovah*

*Worshippers stand as able.



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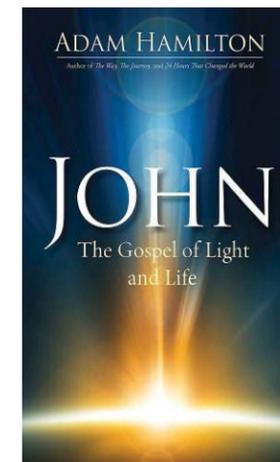
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Welcome to Worship!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday in Lent

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CENTERING WORDS

"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel shall save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?"
---Mark 8:34-36

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* Frederick Maker

CHORAL INTROIT *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* No. 142

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the season of Lent, a time to remember the passion of Jesus.
A season in which we consider what it means to take up the cross and follow Jesus.

As we rehearse the sacred story of His Passion, may God help us to be faithful disciples of the Way.

Amen!

*OPENING HYMN *And Can It Be That I Should Gain* No. 363
Verses 1-3

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God,
As we worship, give us new awareness.
Renew our sense of hope and wonder.
Open us up to new possibilities, and lead us to repentance
as we let go of all that hinders our growth in love.
Call us from guilt and shame into grace and truth.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Patti Melsheimer

Nursery care is available. Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time. Junior and Senior high will meet in Criswell Hall.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

- Congregational Call to Prayer *Jesus, Remember Me* No. 488
- Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer No. 895
- Congregational Response *This is Our Prayer* No. 487

ANTHEM *Irresistible* Edwards and Stone
B.G. Perriguey, soloist

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*HYMN *Where He Leads Me* No. 338

SERMON "THE CRUX OF THE MATTER"
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OFFERING

- Call to Stewardship and Mission
- Offertory *Thou Art Worthy* Pauline M. Mills
- Doxology/Prayer of Dedication Hymnal, No. 95

***Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

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

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Lift High the Cross* No. 159
Refrain 2 times
***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name***

POSTLUDE *Glory to His Name* John H. Stockton

* You are invited to stand in body and/or spirit



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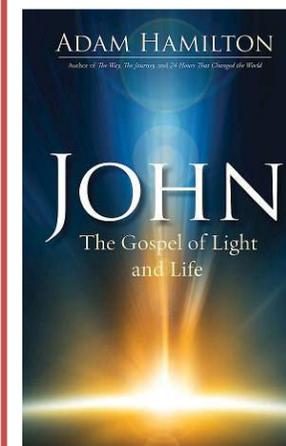
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