



## First United Methodist Church

# Covenant of Hope!

Sunday, February 28, 2021

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### Prelude

*Lamb of God, All Holy*, BWV 618, J. S. Bach  
Joe Galema, Organist

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### Hymn

*Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise*, Hymnal, Page 103

### Call to Worship

Laura Whitmore

Leader: We gather as God's people in a world divided and distressed.

**People: Yet we gather as one people, united by God.**

Leader: We gather as God's people, journeying to Jerusalem.

**People: Yet we gather as one people, steadfastly traveling forward together.**

Leader: We gather as God's people, frightened by whirlpools of worry which spin us out of control.

**People: Yet we gather as one people following in the unfailing steps of Jesus the Christ, whose name we praise.**

### Invocation

God of life and love, we invite you to breathe upon us in these moments, so that our parched and barren souls may be revived with your quickening Spirit. Bring to us now, as we wait upon you, your energy, your life and your strength so that we might do your will. Amen.

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, it is a gift that we can come before you to confess our sins. You have already given us so much, and yet we continue to want more. And we want everything to come without struggle. We get so consumed with our own desires that our eyes are blind to people in real need. Forgive us when we fail to appreciate what we have. Forgive us when we don't do the work we need to do with care and diligence. Cleanse us of envy, greed and laziness. Help us see the world with your eyes so we will respond as you would, with generous hearts. Amen.

### Words of Assurance

### Special Music

*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*, Matt Redman  
Ed Heller, Pianist

### Time for Children

Marjorie Gross

### Words of Welcome

**Offertory** *Contemplation on Glory Be to Jesus*, Malcolm Archer  
Joe Galema, Organist

**Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*,  
Hymnal, Page 95

**Affirmation of Faith** Hymnal, Page 887  
**Steve Harter**

**Hymn** *The God of Abraham Praise*, Hymnal, Page 116

**Scripture Lesson** Mark 8:31-38, New Testament, Page 999  
**Steve Harter**

**Pastoral Prayer** **Laura Whitmore**

**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.**

**Anthem** *Wondrous Love*, Bradley Ellingboe  
Chancel Choir Ensemble  
Steve Harter, director; Joe Galema, organist

**Scripture Reading** Genesis 17:1-7, 15-18, Old Testament, Page 14

**Sermon** ***Covenant of Hope!*** **Kent Ingram**

**Hymn** *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*, Hymnal, Page 581

**Benediction**

**Postlude** *Postlude in G minor*, Charles V. Stanford  
Joe Galema, Organist