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**PROGRAM**

	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Coffee Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall (L.L.)	9:00 a.m.
Worship	Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Infant, Toddler, Preschool & School Age Child Care	South Hallway	9:30 a.m.

**CHURCH STAFF**

**POSITION**

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**CHURCH LEADERS**

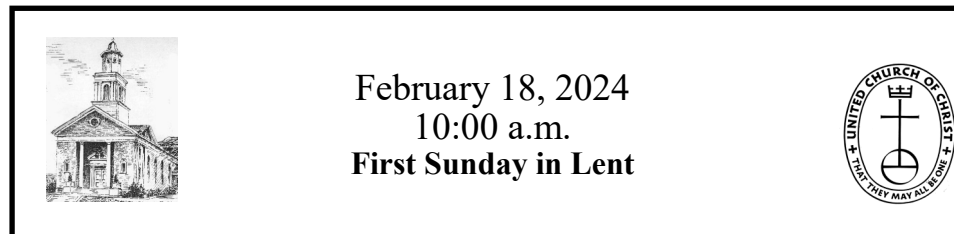
**PERSON**

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**Church Office Hours**

Monday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday	Closed
Friday	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Calls will be answered off-site on days when the office is closed.



**Thought for the Day before Worship**

Is this Sunday different in your life?

Does the beginning of Lent call forth any contrast in your Worship and faith life of a week ago?

May you use these 40 days to prepare for the unparalleled joy of the resurrection.

Prepare your hearts for the one who is God's Son, the Beloved.

\*All who are able are welcome to stand

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

*"Rock of Ages"*

*(Diane Bish)*

**Tower Bell**

**Introit**

Oh, sacred head now wounded, with grief, and shame weighed down,  
 Now scornfully surrounded with thorns thine only crown:  
 O sacred head what glory; what bliss till now was thine;  
 Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call the mine.

**\*Call to Worship:** Psalm 25, adapted (done responsively)

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**O my God, in you I trust.**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

**Teach me your paths..**

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

**For you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.**

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,

**For those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

Let us Worship our God!

**\*Hymn #252**

*"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"*

*(Land of Rest)*

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, you call us your beloved sons and daughters even when we are most unlovable.

Your promise of abundant life reveals your yearning for us to know ourselves and each other as beloved.

We confess that we choose over and over to act from places of un-love within us.

We confess that we harden our hearts against one another.

We confess that we ignore our baptismal covenant with you and with creation.

Reshape us in these days of Lent, that we may emerge from them as Jesus emerged from the river Jordan blessed by your Holy Spirit and radiant with your image.

Amen.

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the Good News! *"If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* May we trust the mercy of God: in Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

*(Greatorex)*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**Scripture Lesson: Psalm 25:1-10**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me,

for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

**Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning**

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Laura Haas

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Darlene Knepshield & Bertie Jo Tuerpe

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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**This Week**

**Sunday, February 18:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Monday, February 19:** President's Day Church Office Closed  
7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting

**Tuesday, February 20:** 6:30 p.m. East Row Garden Club Meeting  
7:00 p.m. NA Meeting

**Thursday, February 22 :** 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Yoga Class Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, February 24:** 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting

**Sunday, February 25:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

### **Hearing Assistance**

We have wireless receivers for the hearing impaired which you may obtain from an usher.

### **Pastoral Care Notice**

If a pastoral care need arises, please contact the church office at (859) 431-1818 and we will get a message to Pastor Marty or Pastor John Robson to contact you.

### **In Our Prayers**

Joan Berkemeyer, Norma Biery, Flo Grey, Betty Jo Haas, Donna & Phil Hamilton, Marilyn Hanson, Melvin Hanson, Betty Hasse, Chuck Hawkins, Henry Marksberry, Bill Seibert, Ed Von Strohe, Bonnie Walter, Wendy Watts, Betty Webster & Family of Betty Westermeyer

### **Continued Prayerful Support**

Homebound members.  
Those in assisted living and nursing homes.  
Church Leadership Team, Ministry Teams, and all our church leaders.  
Designated Pastor Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer  
Pastor of Visitation John Robson

### **Homebound Member of the Week**

Our homebound member of the week is Bonnie Walter. Take a moment this week to send her a card or give her a call as we celebrate Bonnie as our member of the week!

Her address is:  
Bonnie Walter  
100 Carmel Manor Drive  
Ft. Thomas, KY 41075

### **Children's Activity Bags**

Activity bags for the children are located at each entrance of the church. Feel free to pick up a bag for your child (children) to work on during the worship service. When the service is done just drop the bags off at each exit so that we may replenish the bags for the following week.

### **Audio Recordings of Our Sunday Services**

Did you miss a Sunday service or would like to hear one over again? You can get a CD audio recording of any service each week down on the table located at the North Lobby entrance. The recordings are separated by date so just look for the service you want to hear and take it home.

Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.  
He leads the humble in what is right  
and teaches the humble his way.  
All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

### **Childrens Chat**

Vickie Kennedy

### **Scripture Lesson: 1 Peter 3:18-22**

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

### **Anthem**

*“Take My Life, and Let It Be”*

*(Hal Hopson)*

Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord to thee;  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praises.

Take my voice and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips and keep them true;  
Lord, may they always speak of you.

Take my thoughts, my very will,  
Your true purpose to fulfill.  
Take me, Lord, and yours I'll be,  
Yours for all eternity.

Lord, in mercy, hear my plea,  
May I now your loved one be,  
Loving for your love to see;  
Oh, hear me, Lord. Amen.

**Scripture Lesson: Genesis 9:8-17**

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

**Sermon** "A Covenant of Grace" Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

**\*Hymn #483** "Take Time to Be Holy" (Holiness)

**Gathering Together in Prayer**  
**Joys & Concerns – Silent Prayer – Pastoral Prayer**

**The 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 and ever. Amen.

**Response** Sing Twice



**BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18TH**

February 18th: Shirley Rice  
February 19th: Kelli Taylor & JoAnn Winstel  
February 20th: Kelsey Taylor & Larry Spaulding  
February 23rd: Paul Bogen & Robert Gray  
February 24th: Julie Ollier

**INFORMATION ON VIEWING BETTY WESTERMEYER'S MEMORIAL SERVICE**

For those that were unable to attend the memorial service, the service can be viewed on the Immanuel UCC Facebook page at any time. Search Immanuel United Church of Christ in Bromley, KY on Facebook and look for a video of the service under their page.

Again, the family and I are grateful for all of you who have been a part of our lives. And continue to bless us in this journey!

THANK YOU!

Marty

**WASHINGTON UCC NEEDS YOUR HELP**

Washington UCC is in need of men's gently used clothing. If you have any closets to clean out and have something to donate, please bring it to church and we will take it over to Washington UCC for you. Thanks for your help with this project.

## WELCOME!

Welcome to this house of prayer and worship!  
We pray that your experience of worship will deepen your faith and prepare you for the week ahead. We believe God's Spirit is present in our listening to the Word and our response of discipleship. In our greeting of one another we sense the presence of Christ.

May you know His grace and peace today!

**Please sign the guest register when it comes to your seat.**



Flowers at the pulpit are in honor and celebration of  
Shirley Rice's birthday today.  
Happy 90th Birthday Mom, Grandma,  
and Great-Grandma!



Love,  
All of your children, grand children,  
and great grand children!

Open flower dates are February 25th, March 10th, 17th & 24th  
To reserve your special date, please call the church office.



Flowers at the baptismal font are in celebration of  
Kelli Taylor's birthday on Monday, February 19th.  
We hope you have a great day and thanks for being a  
wonderful Daughter, Wife, Mother, and Mimi.



Love,  
Mom, Dad, Scott, Kelsey, Kyle, and Elise

Open flower dates are February 25th, March 10th, 17th & 24th  
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## Offertory Invitation

We are stewards in God's garden, entrusted with the care of all the earth and of God's people, our sisters and brothers. Let us give account of our stewardship as we dedicate material offerings and as we rededicate ourselves to the tasks Christ sets before us.

## Offertory

*"A Prayer of Grateful Praise"*

*(Mary McDonald)*

(Harin Lee-violin)

Lord, we are blessed to call You Father,  
And Lord, we are blessed to be Your child.  
Through the giving of Your Son, sacrifice,  
the Holy One, the gift of life through all eternity.  
Lord, we lift our prayer to You with a heart of gratitude;  
To the Father, Spirit, Holy One, we raise,  
this our thanks for all You've done, giving glory to Your Son!  
Lord, we bring to You a prayer of grateful praise.

Lord, in heaven, hallowed be Thy Holy Name;  
Thy kingdom soon will come; Thy will on earth be done;  
Lord forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors,  
and lead us from temptation But deliver us from evil,  
For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power O Lord,

## \*Doxology

*(Old 100th)*

**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 Amen**

## \*Prayer of Dedication

**Loving Lord, you have established a permanent covenant of love between you and your people. You didn't ask our permission. You simply said that it would be so. We have the rainbow as a sign. Even more so, we have signs of grace in baptism, the holy meal, and the Word.**

**In response to those signs we commit ourselves to your service in this world, seeking not a reward but in thanks for your great gifts. Particularly in this season of Lent, we ask you for help in reflecting on our life of faith as we journey with Jesus to the cross. Assist us through this season to dedicate ourselves in greater love to you and our neighbor. Your kingdom has come near, O Lord. May your kingdom come. Amen.**

## Communion Service

Today we are celebrating the Lord's Supper. We believe in an OPEN Table.  
ALL persons who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior  
are encouraged to participate in the Sacrament.

**\*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the one holy universal Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Invitation** - *(The Pastor Reads and the Ministers/Congregation Sing)*

Come to this sacred table, not because you must, but because you may; come not to testify that you are righteous, but that you may sincerely love Jesus Christ and desire to be a disciple; come not because you are strong, but because you are weak; come not because you have any claim on heaven's rewards, but because you stand in constant need of heaven's mercy and help; come not to express an opinion, but to seek a presence and to pray for the Holy Spirit.

**Break Thou the bread of life, Dear Lord to me,  
As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;  
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee Lord;  
My spirit pants for thee, O living Word.**

Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, and on that same day sat with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**May thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart  
My zeal inspire As Thou hast died for me,  
Oh may my love to Thee  
Pure warm and changeless be, a Living fire.**

This is the joyful feast of the people of God, men and women, youth and children, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table. This table is for all Christian who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

**Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that thy blood was shed for me;  
And that thou bid'st me come to Thee  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

**Consecration of the Elements**

**Partaking of the Lord's Supper**

As is our tradition, the Elements of Communion are held until all are served and partake together at the direction of the Pastor.

Also, wine is served on the outside of the tray, with grape juice on the inside.

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving** (in unison)

**Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence, in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood, that we may faithfully proclaim the Good News of your love, and that your universal church may be a beacon of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus the Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #348**

*"Softly and Tenderly"*

*(Thompson)*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Response**

**Postlude**

*"Prelude in G Minor"*

*(J.S. Bach)*



Trash receptacles are located at each exit for disposal of communion cups.

