



**Crooks Memorial
United Methodist Church**
February 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.
First Sunday of Lent

Serving In Worship Today

Ushers/Greeters: Pete & Carolyn Prokup

A/V Coordinator: Allen Conway

Stream Team: Jim Pile, Pete Prokup, Kasey Landis,
Bill Diggs, and Mark Cooper

For Announcements and News

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Welcome to Worship

Cell phone and electronic devices:

Please set to silence.

Connection Card: Helps us know you are here and helps you engage. Please complete and place it in the offering plate.

Hard of hearing or sight:

Large print hymnals and listening devices are available from an usher.

We love children in worship!

Worship Bags and books are located in the narthex. However, if needed, our staffed nursery is available for those five and under. Ask an usher for directions.

We record worship: As a ministry to those unable to be present, our worship service is livestreamed, recorded, and posted to our website and social media sites.

Our Mission:

To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the
Transformation of the World

Our Vision:

Making Space for God and Others

Our Values:

Worship ✝ Faith ✝ Family ✝ Hospitality

Rev. B. Sung, Pastor
Rev. Sue Hauptert-Johnson – Bishop
Rev. Charles F. Ledlum-Bates –
Mission Rivers District Superintendent
Betty Warren – Dir. of Music Ministries
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Bold print indicates a congregational/unison reading.

*Song of Proclamation	<i>“This Is the Day”</i>	UMH 657
Welcome		Debbie Braziel
Prelude	<i>“Spirit of the Living God”</i>	UMH 393
*Hymn	<i>“Come, Thou Almighty King”</i>	UMH 61
*Call to Worship		
Welcome to the time of covenant renewal. The God of our salvation greets us here. We are reminded of God’s promises to us; We remember the promises we have made. Sense the Spirit descending on us now. Hear God’s welcoming voice. Surely God is with us. We can hear God calling our names. See the rainbow in the sky. Wonder at God’s steadfast love. All creation proclaims the wonders of God. We come together to learn what God wants to teach us. Amen.		
Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer		Rev. B. Sung
*Hymn	<i>“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”</i>	UMH 133
Scripture	Genesis 9:8-17 (Pew Bible O.T.)	Susan Johnson
	1 Peter 3:18-22 (Pew Bible N.T.)	Susan Johnson
	The Word of God for the People of God. Thanks be to God.	
Anthem	<i>“On My Knees”</i>	Ken Dosso
Scripture	Mark 1:9-15 (Pew Bible N.T.)	Rev. B. Sung
Message	<i>“Into the Wilderness”</i>	Rev. B. Sung
*Hymn	<i>“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought”</i>	UMH 128

Offertory Prayer

Trustworthy and trusting God, thank you for entrusting us with this good earth. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us. Help us live up to your trust, even as we learn to place our trust in you. Bless the gifts that we share, that they may honor the generosity you have shown us. In trust and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

Offertory	<i>“Garden of My Heart”</i>	Jim Pile
	Words & Music, Jim Pile; Piano by Phillip Higgins	
*Doxology		UMH 95
*Benediction		Rev. B. Sung
*Postlude	<i>“God Be With You”</i> v. 1 & chorus	UMH 672

Garden of My Heart

Jesus said the Word of God is like a little seed.
The Word is heard by many folk,
But just a few believe.
And there were times, I know it's true,
When I just didn't care.
Forgive me, Lord,
I'll listen more,
And so, I make this prayer...

Lord, plant a seed in the garden of my heart.
One tiny seed, Lord, I need a gentle start.
My life I choked by weeds of earthly care.
I need to bare my soul to prayer.

Lord, speak your Word, and root it deep within my soul.
My shallow life has little left on which to hold.
My fallow heart lies waiting to receive what you impart:
A seed of love within the garden of my heart.

Lord, sow your seed because I need to see it flower.
Before my greed and sinful longings can devour.
My heart is filled with rock of selfish pride.
I need to feel more love inside.

Lord, hear my prayer, prepare my heart to hear Your Word.
That word of love has touched my life and left it stirred.
Today it may be tiny, but tomorrow watch it bloom;
If I've made room within the garden of my heart.

Oh, yes, today it maybe tiny, but tomorrow watch it bloom;
For I've made room for love in the garden of my heart.

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