



Order of Worship
February 21, 2021 at 9:00 am

Prelude "Adagio in G Minor" - Patricia Lou Harris Dianne Perry, organ

Announcements Pastor Rob

Call to Worship

Hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness" No. 140, vs. 1 & 3

Opening Prayer Pastor Rob

Hymn "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed" No. 359, vs. 1, 2, & 5

Children's Time

Special Music "Morning Dance" Spirit Ringers

Scripture: Luke 23: 32-38

Message: "Father Forgive Them" Pastor Danny

Hymn "Freely, Freely" No. 389

Offering Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Postlude "Toccatina in A Minor" - Gerald Peterson Dianne Perry, organ



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Sunday, February 21, 2021
10:45 am

Prelude Song

Announcements – Pastor Rob

Call to Worship – Pastor Danny

Opening Song

Opening Prayer – Pastor Rob

Worship Songs

Scripture: Luke 23: 32-38

Message: “Father Forgive Them” Pastor Danny

Song

Offering/ Pastoral Prayer

Benediction





Our Church Family

Peggy McCoy Lois Hutton Mary Jessup
Karen, Jennifer, & Gabriel Anderson Brenda Hull Amber Walker

Continued Healing & Grace

Bob Schmidt, Nikki Ford, Elsa Jones, Dan Kachele, Ray Welty, Kathleen Searcy, Diana Trees, Lois Jordan, Lené Davis, Lois Hutton, Ron Barber, Ruth Eggleton, Evan Heck, Ken Ford, & Jack Lazaro

Our Extended Families & Friends

Vanessa - sister of Valerie Van Duyn; *Stephanie & Mallorie* - family of Andy Patton; *Jesse* - brother-in-law of Marian Mossman; *Autumn* - sister-in-law of Jennifer Anderson; *The family of Missy* - friend of Sonia Barnes; *Wayne* - father of Suzanne Bowers; *Dan* - brother of Keith Parsons

Continued Healing & Grace Extended Families & Friends

Nora - granddaughter of Sebastine & Karen Ujereh; *Lori* - sister-in-law of Valerie Van Duyn; *Sophia* - granddaughter of Brad & Susan Spice; *Autumn* - sister-in-law of Jennifer Anderson; *Alyssa* - granddaughter of Bob & Joyce Thompson; *Richard & Agatha* - brother-in-law and sister of Betty Kinder; *Rick, Roger, Ken & Jim* - friends of Joanne Barrick; *Brycen* - grandson of Mike & Carol Johnson; *Linda* - sister-in-law of David & P. Z. Sinclair and Suzanne Conger; *Gary* - cousin of Patsy Porter; *Rheagan* - great granddaughter of Phyllis Green; *Julia* - daughter-in-law of Bill & Kim Wegeng; *Miles* - grandson of Deane & Nancy Duncan; *Gladys* - mother of Lisa Dick

Those Serving Our Country in the Military

This week's military persons of the week are:

James Mitchell, Jr. Ben Snow

Our Card Ministry

Ray Welty



***Registration for the Play-Share 2021-2022 school year** is now open to all, but priority is given to current families, church families, and prior families. Class sizes are limited so early registration is encouraged. Every effort will be made to place your child on the days requested. If you would like an Enrollment Packet or have questions, please email kittywilson@avonumc.com. Enrollment packets are also available in the Play-N-Share office.

***The Story New Testament Bible Study (Online study via Zoom)**

Sundays at 7:00 pm

February 21st thru May 16th (We won't meet on Easter & Mother's Day.)

This 11-session study based on the New Testament portion of The Story Bible is for those who would like to take steps to grow on their faith journey by thoroughly studying Jesus' story within the gospels as well as an abbreviated version of the story of the earliest Christians revealed in the New Testament scriptures.

To sign up to join the study contact Pastor Rob at:

robprobus@avonumc.com or 317-272-4068

***What Christians Believe** (Online class via Zoom)

Sundays from 2:30 to 4:00 pm

March 7th - April 25th (We won't meet on Easter.)

This 7-session class is designed to walk through some of the basic beliefs of Christianity revealed in the Apostles' Creed. This class is for those who are considering baptism, adults who would like to get baptized, as well as for believers who need to be reminded of the foundational beliefs of Christians. Participants will be encouraged to purchase the Adam Hamilton book, "Creed - What Christians Believe and Why."

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*Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. Often during Lent, we give something up as a sign of sacrifice and to test our self-discipline. But what if Lent could be a time of generosity as well as spiritual discipline? We would like to give you the **Lenten Dollar a Day Challenge**. We ask you to put back a dollar a day for 40 days (starting on Ash Wednesday and continuing through April 3rd, the Saturday before Easter). Those dollars will then be used to purchase perishable items for local food pantries. Boxed macaroni and cheese needs milk and butter, hamburger helper needs hamburger, cereal needs milk, and peanut butter and jelly needs bread. Your dollars will provide those items to those in need. Collected money may be brought into the church office or to church on Easter Sunday. Donations can also be made online on the church website or through your Pushpay App. The Easter Offering this year will also be going to this initiative.

YOUR FAITH JOURNEY

let's do life together

On a Thursday, Jesus ate the Passover Meal with his disciples for the last time. The twelve had spent years listening, watching, and walking with their teacher and friend. Yet that night one of the twelve betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver and led a crowd of chief priests, officers of the temple guard, and elders to arrest the Son of God (Luke 22:47-53). Later that night, Simon Peter disowned Christ by stating, "I don't know him", when a servant girl claimed that he was one of Jesus' followers (Luke 22:56-57). The next morning the Jewish religious leaders confronted Jesus, then took him to the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, in hopes that the Romans would crucify him (Luke 22:66-23:25). Eventually, Pilate surrendered Jesus to the will of the crowd and had Roman soldiers lead Christ to the place where he was to be executed (Luke 23:1-33). On "the place called the Skull", Jesus was crucified with a criminal on a cross to his right and another criminal on a cross to his left (Luke 23:33 NIV). The gospel writer, Luke, shares this prayer from Jesus as he was hanging on the cross where he would die hours later, "**Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing**" (Luke 23:34 NRSV).

Jesus' prayer was said aloud on behalf of the soldiers who mocked, tortured, and crucified him, the Jewish crowd who yelled for him to be executed on a Roman cross like a criminal, the religious leaders who conspired against him, the disciples who deserted, denied, and betrayed him, as well as for you and all the people of the world. Jesus died as an atoning sacrifice for our sins so that we could be forgiven. We didn't earn it, and we don't deserve it, but Jesus paid the price for the sins of the world, because God so loved us (John 3:16-17).

This week, you are encouraged to **use this Your Faith Journey Guide as a tool** to help you love God, yourself, and others daily (Mark 12:29-31). Do not feel limited by what is listed below, but instead let the daily suggestions help you to utilize holy habits to remain spiritually healthy and to grow as a disciples of Christ.

Sunday (2/21)

Heart (stay connected) - Who is the person of faith you are going to contact today or later this week?

I am going to reach out to _____.

Soul (worship God) - Join others for the AUMC **online and in-person worship experiences at 9:00 or 10:45 am**. Both service are available on Livestream and Facebook Live. **Offer yourself** and the worship hour as an offering to God. Focus on the **presence** of the Holy Spirit with us.

Listen for the message the Lord wants to reveal to you. If you're joining us online, **you may find it helpful to use a special chair or place within your home** for the time of worship so that you can have a **posture of worship** and not be distracted.

Today I am going to offer God _____.

During the worship service God revealed _____.

I am going to respond by _____.

Mind (disciples are students) - **Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.**

Today, or this week, I am going to _____ **to renew my mind.**

(You could read part of a book, an article, or a poem that helps you to learn something new or think in a different way. You could listen to a Podcast, watch a video, or participate in an online class. Perhaps you would prefer to challenge your mind by using a puzzle, completing a word search, or playing a game.)

Strength (physical health) - To love God with "all your strength" you have to care for your body.

Try eating foods that are good for your body and mind, including drinking plenty of water each day. **Move your body** by walking, doing chores, participate in physical activities, or exercise to maintain or improve your physical health. And make sure to **get the daily and weekly rest your body needs** as well.

Today I am going to _____ **to maintain or improve my physical health.**

Monday (2/22)

Heart (stay connected) - **Today I am going to** _____ **to love others.**

Soul (holy habits) - **Read Luke 11:1-13.**

Listen to the song "The Lord's Prayer" by Hillsong Worship using the link below or visit Youtube and type "The Lord's Prayer Hillsong" into the search bar:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=nCxqjEz5hJ4

Pray the Lord's Prayer either as you have memorized it or using the version in Luke 11. **Worship God and pray** throughout the day.

Mind (disciples are students) - **February is African American History Month.** Consider using the link below to learn more about the theme of this month and African Americans featured in articles, videos, and stories on the Library of Congress sponsored African American History Month website: <https://africanamericanhistorymonth.gov>

Strength (physical health) - **Today I am going to** _____ **to care for my body.**

Tuesday (2/23)

Heart (stay connected) - **Today I'm going to reach out to** _____.

Soul (holy habits) - **Read Mark 11:23-25.**

Listen to the hymn "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" either using the link below or type "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive Matt Brittain" into the search bar of Youtube:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=YIsonhnhMNU

Pray for God to reveal to you if you are “holding anything against anyone,” so that you can forgive them. If you’re struggling to forgive, ask the Lord to help you.

Mind (disciples are students) - **Today I’m going to** _____
to learn and grow.

Strength (physical health) - **Today I’m going to** _____
to maintain or improve my physical health.

Wednesday (2/24)

Heart (stay connected) - **Today I am going to** _____
to love others.

Soul (holy habits) - **Read Matthew 18:21-35.**

Pray and praise God using some of the lyrics from the hymn “To God Be the Glory” by Fanny J. Crosby:

*O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
Praise the Lord...Let the people rejoice!
O Come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!*

Mind (disciples are students) - **Today I am going to** _____
to feed and renew my mind.

Strength (physical health) - **Today I am going to** _____
to care for my body.

Thursday (2/25)

Heart (stay connected) - **Today I’m going to reach out to** _____.

Soul (holy habits) - **Read Luke 7:36-50.**

Listen to the hymn “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” sung by Carrie Underwood either using the link below or type “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling Carrie Underwood” into the search bar on YouTube:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=h5OLMQ7WdD8

Pray in response to the song and scripture.

Mind (disciples are students) - **Today I’m going to** _____
to learn and grow.

Strength (physical health) - **Today I’m going to** _____
to maintain or improve my physical health.

Friday (2/26)

Heart (stay connected) - **Today I am going to _____
to love others.**

Soul (holy habits) - **Read Matthew 26:17-30** and read one of the traditional psalms shared during the Passover Meal, **Psalm 118.**

Pray using the psalm to help guide your time of prayer.

Mind (disciples are students) - **Today I am going to _____
to feed and renew my mind.**

Strength (physical health) - **Today I am going to _____
to care for my body.**

Saturday (2/27)

Heart (stay connected) - **Today I'm going to _____
to help myself to be healthy emotionally.**

Soul (holy habits) - **Read Luke 23:26-38.**

Listen to "**Forgiven**" by Crowder using the link below or type "Forgiven Crowder" in the search bar on YouTube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=uUiwA1JNDig

Pray in response to the song and Jesus' prayer and message upon the cross.

Consider observing the Sabbath either today or tomorrow as a time to **rest, reflect,** and **enjoy recreation.** The questions below can be used to help with reflecting:

How did I see, hear, or encounter God during this past week?

Who needs to hear about my experience sometime in the coming days?

Do I need to seek God's forgiveness or the forgiveness of others?

Do I need to offer forgiveness to someone?

Mind (a mental break) - **Today I'm going to allow my mind to rest from _____.**

Strength (physical health) - **Today I'm going to _____
to rest and/or enjoy recreation.**

If you don't have a Bible, consider downloading the **YouVersion Bible App for free from the Apple App Store or Google Play for your smartphone or tablet. You can also use www.BibleGateway.com to look up and read various translations of Bible verses online on a computer.*

