

# Hope United Methodist Church

A person wearing a red jacket and a backpack stands on a large, grey rock formation on a mountain. The person is looking out over a vast, white sea of clouds that fills the middle ground. The sky above is a soft, warm orange and pink, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The foreground is filled with dark green evergreen trees and more rocky terrain.

March 3, 2024

Reverend Jeff Rainwater

Praise the Mount



SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

PRELUDE

*Above All*

Paul Baloche

arr. by Mark Hayes and Philip Keveren

*Christ Is Our Cornerstone*

arr. by Benjamin Culli

Cheryl Saborsky, CAGO, organist

WELCOME AND INVITATION INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jerry Brewster

L: If you ask the sky who God is,

**P: the sky will tell you of God's reach.**

L: If you ask the day who God is,

**P: the sun will tell you of God's warmth.**

L: If you ask the night who God is,

**P: the moon will tell you of God's comfort.**

L: "The heavens are telling the glory of God." Are you listening?

**P: We are listening! We will sing of God's glory.**

L: Let us worship our Holy God.

Inspired by Psalm 19. Adapted from a prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

\*OPENING HYMN

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

UMH 185

A PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Holy God, some days, we are quick to declare your goodness.

Like Peter, we see you in our midst and we are confident in our faith.

Other days, we are distracted and uncertain, desperate for answers.

**P: Forgive us for losing sight of you.**

L: Some days we are quick to trust your blessings—

**P: trusting that we are called, that we can make a difference.**

L: Other days, our praise falls silent and doubt creeps in.

**P: Forgive us for losing sight of ourselves.**

L: We know that fear and doubt are part of the journey of faith.

But for the days when we are far from you and far from ourselves, we ask for your tender grace.

**P: Pull us closer toward you. Remind us of the mountaintop moments of our faith. Amen.**

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## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### ANTHEM

*Lenten Prayer*

Liebergen  
Chancel Choir

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 16:13-20

Jerry Brewster

### MESSAGE

**Praise the Mount**

Rev. Jeff Rainwater

### RESPONSIVE HYMN

*If You Believe and I Believe*

W&S 3121, sung twice

### WORDS OF FORGIVENESS & INTRODUCTION TO THE OFFERING

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### OFFERTORY

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

arr. by Richard Walters  
Andrew Cooksey, soloist

### \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 95

### COMMUNION

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: It is right, and a good and joyful thing ... and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

L: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ ... in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**P: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

L: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here ... all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**P: Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CLOSING HYMN

*How Great Thou Art*

UMH 77

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*MUSICAL BENEDICTION

*Go Now in Peace*

UMH 665

### POSTLUDE

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

setting by Franklin Ashdown  
Cheryl Saborsky, CAGO, organist

Today's altar flowers are from Jane Rogers wishing a Happy Birthday to Doug Rogers!

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We would like to express our extreme gratitude to those who help, before, after and during worship. We could not do this without you!

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