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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

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**OPENING HYMN “Lift Every Voice and Sing” UMH 519**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**OPENING PRAYER** *(in unison)***:** God, you have given us everything. What can we give in return for our lives? Be our guide on our Lenten journey. Help us to deny ourselves, pick up our cross and follow Jesus. We welcome the chastening direction in our lives as we worship you today. Amen.

**WELCOME & GREETINGS**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(in unison)***:** Merciful God, we confess that our sin turns us from you again and again. We are a sinful generation longing for your mercy. We want not only to save our lives, but to gain the whole world as well. We are too often ashamed to show our faith to the world around us. Have mercy on us. Amen.

**LITANY OF AFFIRMATION Insert**

**BLACK HISTORY MOMENT**

**1st READING Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16**

**SHARINGS, JOYS, CONCERNS & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

**GOSPEL READING Mark 8: 31-38**

**PRAISE & WORSHIP**

**“O How I Love Jesus” UMH 170**

**“Guide My Feet” TFWS 2208**

**“Sanctuary” TFWS 2164**

**SERMON Pastor Egan Bovell**

**PRAYER OF DISCIPLESHIP**

**DOXOLOGY UMH 95**

**NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CLOSING HYMN “Take Up Thy Cross” UMH 415**

**BENEDICTION**

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**PRAYER LINE** – Tuesdays at 6:30am

Phone #: 848 220 3300 / Conference ID #: 5203248

**ZOOM BIBLE STUDY** – Wednesdays at 7:00pm

Meeting ID: 873 3085 4771 / Passcode: 810341

New Members Welcome Service – March 10, 2024

**PRAYER LIST:** Brenda Ifill, Cheryl Pringle, Ron Dixon, Carmen Edith Morris, Billie & Michael Anthony, Liz Donar, Rev. Boliver Valentine, Audrey Nathan, Avril Wallace, Anthony and I-rose Gordon, Molly Williams, Leroy Clemons, Roy Greaves, Demery family, Robert Brown, Ted Baron, Boris, the families of Margaret Leslie, Derek Bruce and all those experiencing the loss of loved ones.

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2nd Sunday in Lent

Black History Month

February 25, 2024

11:00am

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*(based on Psalm 124)*

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