

# Unity Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 17, 2024

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

Lighting of the Candles (quiet please)

**Gathering of God's**

**Choral Call to Worship**

**Welcome**

**Morris Blackman**

**Call to Worship**

L. I am doing a new thing, says our God

**P. We will answer God with new hearts.**

L. Seek me, and desire truth and mercy, calls our God.

**P. With our whole lives, we will hear God's voice.**

L. If a grain of wheat dies, it grows into new life, promises Jesus.

**P. We will seek to let go, and to grow deeper into faith.**

L. If you wish to follow me, become servants, Jesus tells us.

**P. We will live a life of service, following him.**

**Morning Prayer**

**+Hymn of Praise SH# 244 "Take My Life, and Let It Be"**

**+Call to Confession**

**+Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, we have all we need, but we want more. We want cars and houses and clothes and toys. Create in us clean hearts, O God. We want to be on the winning team. We want everyone to like us all the time. Create in us clean hearts, O God. Have mercy on us. Put your Holy Spirit in our hearts and keep us close to you. Help us to be grateful for your love.**  
**(Silence) Amen.**

**+Assurance of Pardon**

**+Passing the Peace**

**Our Life Together**

**Children's Message:**

**Service of the Word**

**Michael Smith**

**Sonja Dunn**

**Anthem**

**Rachel West**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture:**

**John 12:20-33**

**Sermon: "Losing to Live"**

**Rachel West**

**Responding in Faith**

**Hymn of Adoration SH# 265**

**"Higher Ground"**

**Affirmation of Faith**

**Kathryn Barefoot**

**The Apostles Creed**

**Gloria Patri**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**Giving of our Tithes and Offerings**

**+The Doxology**

**+Prayer of Dedication**

**+Hymn of Commitment SH# 149 The Church in the Wildwood**

**Sending Out into the World**

**Charge and Benediction**

**Choral Benediction**

**Postlude**

**+ Please stand as you are able**

We are happy you are worshipping with us this morning. If you would like to know more about us, please ask. We love to share the Unity story.

Please sign the visitor book in the vestibule so we can have a record of your visit.

Children's Bulletins and Clip Boards available in the Vestibule.

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