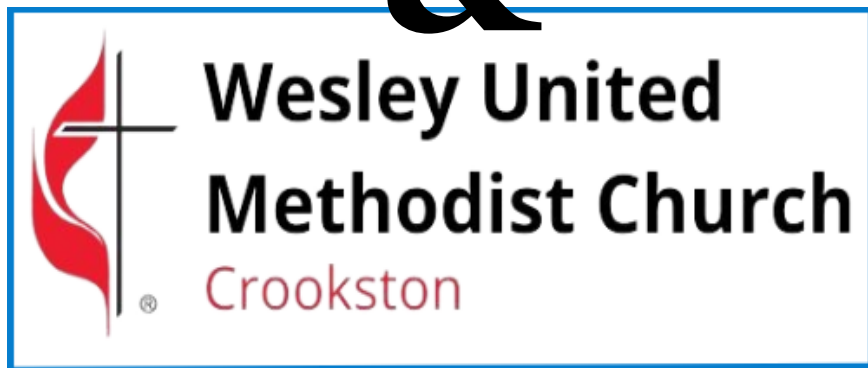


Welcome To Worship



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February 26th, 2023 // *First Sunday in Lent*

**Welcome to the Collaborative Worship Service of
First Presbyterian Church and Wesley United Methodist of
Crookston, MN**

****Those who are able may stand***



PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO REST/MUSIC FOR CONTEMPLATION

GATHERING HYMN #215

“Wondrous Love”

***OPENING WORDS**

Vocare Practices & Why Exploring Personal Values is Worshipful

KYRIE

(Please join us in the “Kyrie”, an ancient song that mirrors the words people used to cry out to Jesus for healing in the scriptures. In Greek they mean, “Lord, have mercy”. The church has sung these words for thousands of years as prayer and to prepare our hearts for confession.)

Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)

Christe Eleison (Christ have mercy)

Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)

Kyrie Eleison

Christe Eleison

Kyrie Eleison

CONFESSION OF NEED (Responsive)

God of love, we confess, we need you to show us our values anew
Because this life is so complicated. Full of choices that seem to trap us
between imperfect options. Full of moments when two good things
conflict and in its wake, we are often left with anxious guilt or defensive
resentments.

I need you, God of peace, not only to teach me your Kingdom values,
but show the unique ways you seeded them in me.

In my limitations, where have you made me to pour out my life in
service and love for you.

In my weakness, what are you inviting me to let go of with peace.
Help me know and name where your values shine brightest in me, so that I might know how to fully live in the direction you are calling me.

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DECLARATION OF GRACE (Responsive)

The grace of God is an invitation, sealed in every weakness,
“Come and learn to trust that God is good and with you always - your story is not yet complete”.

***RESPONSE HYMN #701**

“Sanctuary” x2

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

As God in Christ has forgiven us, let us forgive one another.

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.



Please share a sign of God’s peace with each other.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (UNISON)

Holy Spirit, help us hear your voice beyond our inability to hear and understand your word beyond any speaker’s ability to explain. Through your word, speak to our hearts even if our heads are not ready to listen. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING..... Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7

EPISTLE READING.....Romans 5: 12-19

*GOSPEL READING..... Matthew 4: 1-11

SERMON

Called to Values

Pastor Ruth Sanders

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION (*Singing Bowl*)

*HYMN OF THE DAY #39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

PRAYERS & GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY RESPONSE #606

“Doxology”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your Mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER (forgive us our “sins”)

BLESSINGS & CHARGE (Responsive)

Beloved children of God receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever.

Alleluia! Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #216

“Beneath the Cross”

*SENDING (Responsive)

Our worship in the sanctuary has ended.

Our service in the world begins!

POSTLUDE