



March 17, 2024 + Fifth Sunday in Lent

Welcome

Prelude: Alexander Seman

Opening Prayer

O gracious and holy God,
give us diligence to seek you,
wisdom to perceive you,
and patience to wait for you.
Grant us, O God,
a mind to meditate on you,
eyes to behold you,
ears to listen for your Word,
a heart to love you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the spirit
of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Come as a Child

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in one God:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
He is the true and living God,

worthy to receive glory and honor and power.
He created all things;
by his will they existed and were created.
We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ;
all things came into being through him.
He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.
In him all things in heaven and on earth were created.
He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
Being in the form of God, he emptied himself,
he took the form of a slave,
and was born in human likeness,
Being found in human form, he humbled himself;
He became obedient to the point of death
—even death on a cross.
Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
he was buried;
He was raised on the third day
according to the Scriptures.
God also highly exalted Jesus;
he gave him the name that is above every name.
God has put all things under his feet;
he made him the head over all things for the
church, which is his body,
We believe that Jesus died and rose again:
through Jesus, God will bring with him
those who have died.
As all die in Adam,
so all will be made alive in Christ.
Thanks be to God
who gives us the victory.

Song of Faith: Hovey Corbin

Scripture: John 12:20-33

Message: Belonging Comes Before Believing

Rev. Blaine Wimberly

Song of Faith: Hovey Corbin

A Word from our Lay Leader: Ernie Gaddis

Offertory Prayer:

Lord God, let us give until it helps the poor and needy,
Let us love until it changes the abused and doubtful,
And let us serve until it blesses the least, the lost, and the oppressed
through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Amen.

Musical Response

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Song of Faith: Hovey Corbin

Benediction

Fellowship Time

Mountainside United Methodist Church

Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of our community and the world.

Vision: To be a thriving Christ-led people in the East Mountains,
inviting all generations to a transforming experience of God's Grace.

WORSHIP + CONNECT + GROW + SERVE

Announcements and Calendar

Mark your calendar for a Books and Plants Sale on Saturday, April 27, to raise money for sewing machines for women at the Susannah Wesley Center served by our covenant partners, Ngoy and Umba Kalangwa, in Tanzania. We will soon have a place at the church where you can donate books and plant pots for the sale.

**We are glad you are online with us today!
Please register your attendance and your joys and concerns in the chat box.**

**Communion will be offered in the sanctuary at 5 pm
every Sunday during Lent.**

This week at Mountainside

TODAY

5:00 Communion in the sanctuary

Monday, March 18

Acton Academy in upstairs classrooms
AA meets in the Fellowship Hall
3:00 Teatime online on zoom
6:00 Missions committee on Zoom

Tuesday, March 19

Acton Academy upstairs classrooms
9:00 Chair Yoga with Connie in the gym
6:00 Administrative council on Zoom

Wednesday, March 20

Acton Academy in upstairs classrooms

9:00 am Dance Aerobics in the gym with Lee Ann

AA meets in the Fellowship Hall

1:30 Line Dancing in the gym with Linda

5:30 Messy Church

7:00 Choir practice in the Round Room

7:00 men's group AA in the fellowship hall

Thursday, March 21

Acton Academy in upstairs classrooms

1:00 RIOT book club in the fellowship hall

3:00 Teatime Online

6:00 Lent Study in the fellowship hall and on Zoom

Friday, March 22

Acton Academy in upstairs classrooms

9:00 am Dance Fitness in the gym with Leticia

AA meets in the Fellowship Hall

10:00 Al-Anon meets in the Fellowship Hall

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 24

9:00 Sunday Morning Live online worship

9:00 The Breakfast Club Bible Study in the fellowship hall

10:30 Worship in the Sanctuary

5:00 Communion in the sanctuary