

**Jacksonville Community United Methodist Church**

**January 28, 2024**

**Worship Time 10:00 a.m.**



**Gathering Music:** Joe Pepper

**Welcome and Congregational Update:**

**Moment of Silence:**

**Prelude:** *Bringing in the Light of Christ*

**Greeting:**

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you

People: And also with you.

**Call to Worship:** Beth Hickman

L: Friends, come! Let us give thanks to God with our whole hearts

**All: The works of the Lord are great**

L: The Lord is gracious and merciful

**All: All that God does is honest and true**

L: So let's lift our voices to praise God

**All: Sing the song "Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah!"**

**\*Hymn: Many and Great, O God** UMH #148

**\*Opening Prayer (unison):** Lord of life and light, Holy is your name!

In the midst of this congregation, we raise our voices to praise you.

Together we give thanks for the ways you work with faithful power

to lead us toward true wisdom. May your covenantal promises

delight us as we claim our identity as your people, redeemed by

love, AMEN.

**Scripture: Psalm 106:1**

L: Hear what the scripture says to God's People.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**Noisy Offering:** Food Pantry

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns:**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Offertory:** *Ushers please come forward*

**\*Doxology: #94**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving:** With gratitude, O God, we offer these symbols of our lives in grateful appreciation for the "love so amazing, so divine" we know in Jesus, the Christ. Please continue to astonish us with the teachings of the Man from Galilee. Help us live as witnesses to his authority and presence among us, even as we use this offering to share the Good News. AMEN.

**\*Hymn: Now Thank We All our God** UMH #102

**Scripture: Ephesians 5:18-20; Colossians 3:16-17**

L: Hear what the scripture is saying to God's People.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**Message: Gratitude** Ronda Ketcham

**\*Closing Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth vs. 1,2,4** UMH #92

**Benediction:**

*\*Indicates to please stand if you are comfortable doing so*

We are thankful to have Ronda Ketcham with us again this morning,  
and we are also happy to see Joe at the keyboards!

***Magic Penny (sung during noisy offering)***

***Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away***

***Love is something if you give it away; you end up having more***

***It's just like a magic penny. Hold it close, you won't have any.***

***Lend it, spend it, you'll have so many.***

***They'll roll all over the floor.***



#### **Announcements:**

Next Sunday, **February 4<sup>th</sup>** there is a dish-to-pass brunch following the worship service at 11:00 in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on the back table and let us know what you would like to bring. Sweet or savory, breakfast or lunch, anything goes!

Pastor Pam will be offering a six-week **Lenten book study group** on Tuesdays at 1:00 starting Feb 13th. The book is called "Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginners Guide to Holy Week" by Amy-Jill Levine. If you are interested in participating, please sign up on the back table asap so that we can order books. The cost will be \$12.49 per person.

**United Women in Faith will meet on Thursday, February 1 at 10:30** in Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to attend. Bring a brown bag lunch, dessert will be provided.

The Tuesday **Chair Yoga** class is cancelled for two weeks while the instructor is away on vacation and will resume on February 13<sup>th</sup>.