# **WELCOME to WORSHIP**

Sunday, January 24th, 2021

**PRELUDE** 

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

PRAISE SONGS

"Forever"

words on back

"Your Grace Is Enough"

**JOYS & CONCERNS** 

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have done so much for us, and we so little in return.

You ask for humility, and we are often a proud people.

You ask for willingness,

and we are often a stubborn people.

You ask for repentance,

and we are often a sinful people.

You ask for service, and we are often a busy people.

Gracious God, you want the best for us.

Teach us obedience, grant us forgiveness,

that we, like Mary, might be your willing servants.

Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER &LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" Red #382

SCRIPTURE Luke 2: 41-52

SPECIAL MUSIC Sharon Donlin

MESSAGE "A Parent's Worst Nightmare"

HYMN "To God Be the Glory" (vs 1,3) Red #98

**BENEDICTION** 

**POSTLUDE & OFFERING** 

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TEXT your joys or prayer concerns during the week to Pastor Mike at 563-506-7412.

ASSISTING THIS MORNING: ACCOMPANIST: Dianne Lawson; USHERS: Nancy Greer, Susan Hogzett; SINGERS: Sandy Carroll, Roger Davidson, Dan McElwain, Deb Miller; LITURGIST: Rebecca Gough; SOUND: Steve Lawson; VIDEO: Becky Mahoney.

# FIRST UMC WORSHIP

- ◆For everyone's safety, we respectfully ask that all wear masks to worship.
- ◆Please sanitize your hands upon entering the building; hand sanitizer is available at all the entrances, as well as disposable masks.

# VIRTUAL WORSHIP

For those who might feel uncomfortable attending worship in person, or are unable to attend worship, you can watch the recorded service via:

Facebook: Harlan First & Monroe Chapel United Methodist Churches

Website: www.harlanmethodist.com

Local Cable: FMCTC: Tuesdays, 1:00pm #48

HMU: Mondays & Wednesdays, 7:30pm #15

Mediacom: Mondays, 10:00am #18

Contact us if you'd like a DVD copy of the service with a printed bulletin. **ONLINE GIVING:** You can give online by going to our website and clicking on the "Make a Donation" button on the main page.

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# **SERMON SERIES: Preparing the Way**

As we finish *Jesus: The Early Years* today, we will continue the story of Jesus with John the Baptist. John was considered to be Elijah, in a way, and he came to prepare the way for the ministry of Jesus, and he baptized Jesus. With this series, we will look at what it means to prepare for God's work in our own lives.

January 31: Repent for the Kingdom of God is Coming!

(Matthew 3:1-12; Luke 3:15-20)

February 7: The Baptism of Jesus

(Matthew 3:13-17); John 1:29-34)

February 14: Doubting John

(Matthew 11:2-6; Luke 7:18-23)

# LENTEN STUDY

The Sermon on the Mount contains some of Jesus' most profound and most memorable teachings. What might these teachings have meant to his disciples and to the others who first heard them, and how do they speak across the centuries to listeners today? In "Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven," Dr. Amy-Jill Levine introduces the major topics in the Sermon on the Mount. Lent study group will meet Sunday, at 6:30pm via Zoom, beginning February 21st. Sign up by February 7th. The book cost is \$13. You may also choose to get the book without participating in the Zoom group if you would prefer.

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### "FOREVER"

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King; his love endures forever. For he is good, he is above all things; his love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise!

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm, his love endures forever. For the life that's been reborn; his love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise!

Sing praise, sing praise! Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong, forever God is with us, forever, forever!

From the rising to the setting sun, his love endures forever. And by the grace of God we will carry on; his love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise!

Sing praise, sing praise! Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong, forever God is with us, forever, forever!

Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong, forever God is with us, forever, forever!

## "YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH"

Great is your faithfulness oh God.
You wrestle with the sinner's heart.
You lead us by still waters and to mercy,
and nothing can keep us apart

So remember your people, remember your children, remember your promise, Oh God. Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,

Your grace is enough for me.

Great is your love and justice God.
You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of your salvation, and all your people sing along.

So remember your people, remember your children, remember your promise, Oh God.

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.

So remember your people, remember your children, remember your promise, Oh God.

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.

Your grace is enough, Heaven reaching down to us, Your grace is enough for me.

God I see your grace is enough, I'm covered in your love.
Your grace is enough for me, for me.

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But why did you need to search?
You should have known that I would be in my Father's house.

= Luke 2:49

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.