first united methodist church of longview
"A beacon of hope for all"

February 2, 2020 | Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

Welcome to our guests: We hope you find this service meaningful and that you will come again. Nursery care is available for infants and small children during worship and Sunday School. Youngsters through age five can also go to the nursery following the Children's Moment.

*People standing, as able.

Ringing of the Tower Bells

Prelude

The Life of the Church Jay Jackson
Please register your attendance at this time and check in on Facebook!

Mission Moment Steve Jones

*Passing the Peace
As God has given us peace through Christ, so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.

*Greeting Nathan Firmin
Pastor: The grace of our Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

*Call to Worship *Based on Psalm 15*
Pastor: Trust in the Lord and do good
People: .May the Lord give strength to the people!
Pastor: O taste and see that the Lord is good!
People: God is our refuge and strength
All: Amen.

*Hymn of Praise All People That on Earth Do Dwell UMH 74

Invitation Jay Jackson
Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon
All: **Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(Silent Confession)

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
All: Glory to God. Amen.

Offertory Prayer Romnie Scott
You can also text your offering to 903-417-0707

Offertory "Remember Me" Aaron Adams
Shannon Roberts, violin
Jay Callender, piano

(8:30) Cornerstone Ensemble
(10:45) Chancel Choir

At the close of the day in an upper room, the Lord sat down with the twelve. It was then that He took the bread, broke it and blessed it and said: "Take, eat and remember me. This is my body I give to you. Take, eat and remember me

The disciples ate with their Lord that night, not knowing this was the last. It was then that he took the cup, raised it and blessed it and said: Take, drink and remember me. This is my life-blood I give to you. Take, drink and remember me.

*Doxology
To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory for the things he has done. With his blood he has saved me, with his power he has raised me; to God be the glory for the things he has done.

Children's Moment Loren Buchanan
Children may meet Loren in the Chancel area

Pastoral Prayer Romnie Scott

A Reading from the Old Testament
Micah 6:1-8 Page 816 O.T.
Lay Reader: (8:30) Larry Cunningham (10:45) Deborah Parrott
Lay Reader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "No Opting Out" Jay Jackson

The Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH 13
Offerings left in the baskets will benefit the needy of our community through the Society of St. Stephen.

Communion Anthem (10:45) "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name"
Chancel Choir

*Hymn of Invitation O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee UMH 430

*Sending Forth Jay Jackson

*Postlude

Upcoming Music & Fine Arts Event

Hiding Place
Hope in the midst of suffering

Friday, February 21, 6:30 p.m.

Set in the war zone of Dutch Haarlem in 1944, Hiding Place is the portrayal of divinely inspired forgiveness in the midst of desperate and unimaginable circumstances. Ballet Magnificat! taps into the struggle of two sisters, Corrie and Betsie ten Boom, as they search for possibilities to help their life-long Jewish neighbors and friends find security in a small hiding place built in the wall of their home, only to be discovered and transported to the concentration camp of Ravensbrück and face struggles, far exceeding their wildest imagination.

Choreographer Jiri Sebastian Voborsky unveils this heroic story with a great level of drama, passion, pain, yet joy, and ultimately hope, as he brings before the audience the challenge to believe the unbelievable - the power of forgiveness.

Faith Center | Admission is FREE