like this time, now-

for worship, for listening, for paying attention;

with every step we take:

goodness and mercy follow us;

our cups overflow.

*Gathering Prayer

*Worship with Song
In Christ Alone TFWS. 3105

*Passing of the Peace

*Worship with Song

Give Me Jesus W&S, 3140

To Breathe God In

Reading of Scripture

Mark 14.3-9, NRSVue

Hymn of Preparation

Are Ye Able UMH, 530

Reading of Scripture Job 1.20-21, NRSVue

Words from the past made new to us today!

Thanks be to God!

<u>Message</u>

The Journey to the Cross with Mary of Bethany

Rev. Dr. Vaughn Thurston-Cox

Worship with Music and Reflection

And to Become the Breath of God in Community

Worship with our Tithes & Offerings

Musical Offertory

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Worship with Communion

God is with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

It is truly right that we thank you, and we praise you, Most Holy God, Creator of All! For...

We are not alone, we live in your world!

We live in your world, we live in your creation – in all of its wonder, in all of its life.

We believe in You, who has created and is creating!

. . . all places, all things. Alleluia!

We believe in You, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new.

... into right relationship with you now and forever.

We believe in You, who works in us, and others, by the Spirit.

... With hope, with wonder, with challenge, with love!

We trust in You, our God! Alleluia!

... throughout all time, all space.

You call us to be the Church.

And so, as disciples of Christ, we live with respect in Creation.

Help us to live with even more respect, Creator of All.

We love and serve others.

Help us to love and serve with all we are, Christ Jesus.

We seek justice and resist evil.

Help us to do more than stand and wait. Help us to act rightly in the face of wrong, Holy Spirit.

We proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

. . . even knowing he would be betrayed, even knowing he would be abandoned.

And his judgment, was to love them – every single one, no matter what. That is our hope!

... Each time you eat bread, remember me."

In life, in death, in life-beyond-death

. . . Each time you drink wine, remember me."

God is with us. We are not alone!

... alive in your creation!

Thanks be to God! THANKS BE TO GOD!

The gifts of God, for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

Come, for the table is prepared, and our cup overflows.

Alleluia!

Prayer after Communion

For the bread we have eaten,
for the wine we have tasted,
to the life we have received,
thank you God!
Help us to be your church,
in the days, weeks and years to come,
filled and refreshed

by your constant love.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*Hymn of Blessing

Be Still My Soul UMH, 534, vs 1, 3

Benediction

Thank You for Serving

Pastor Rev. Dr. Vaughn Thurston-Cox

Liturgist Tim Barany

Musician Diane Larson

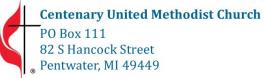
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Ken & Elaine Konyha

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Our Values: Loving God, Serving Others, Welcoming All



The Breath of God in Community

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent

We Gather Together

<u>Prelude</u>

Welcome & Announcements

For Worship

*Extinguishing of the Light

Throughout These Forty Days UMH 269, vs 1-3

*Call to Worship

In the darkest valley,

at the banquet table;

in the hard work of life,

at the moments of ease;

in our day-to-day reality, at times set aside—

* Please Stand