

2nd Sunday in Lent – March 16, 2025

Order of Worship

The Community Gathers

Lighting of Altar Candles

Prelude – “*Ave Verum Corpus*”

Mozart

A Word of Greeting and Welcome/Centering Words

Minister Ainise

Isama'u

Stand firm in the Lord. God's love is a mighty fortress of strength and grace.

Opening Hymn* -- *In the Cross of Christ, I Glory* (UMH295, v.1,2)

Angela

Gricar

Giving God Glory As We Come to Worship

Call to Worship (L: Leader, P: People)

Momo

Wada

L: Come as you are

P: If you have deep faith

Or your faith has run dry.

L: if you know every scripture

Or none at all,

P: If you have calloused hands

And live your faith through good works,

L: or if you kneel at God's feet.

With a million hungry questions.

P: come as you are.

L: This is God's house.

P: None are turned away.

L: All are welcome here.

Opening Prayer

Momo

Wada

Mighty God, we come into your presence

From many different places and situations.

Light our way in this time of worship.

Calm our hearts, focus our thoughts,

And strengthen our faith,

As we pray and praise this day. Amen.

Message for the Children (In Us All)

Everything [In] Between: Faith & Works

Rev. Allison Mark/Minister

Ainise Isama'u

The Word of God for the people of God

Special Music – “*Be Thou My Vision*”

Angela

Gricar

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-12

Momo

Wada

58 Shout loudly; don't hold back; raise your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their crime, to the house of Jacob their sins. **2** They seek me day after day, desiring knowledge of my ways like a nation that acted righteously, they didn't abandon their God. They ask me for righteous judgements, waiting to be close to God. **3** “Why do we fast and you don't see; why afflict ourselves and you don't notice?” Yet on your fast day you do whatever you want, and oppress all your workers. **4** You quarrel and brawl, and then you fast; you hit each other violently with your fists. You shouldn't fast as you are doing today if you want to make your voice heard on high. **5** Is this the kind of fast I choose, a day of self-affliction, of bending one's head like a reed and of lying down in mourning clothing and ashes? Is this what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? **6** Isn't this the fast I choose: releasing wicked restraints, untying the ropes of a yoke, setting free the mistreated, and breaking every yoke? **7** Isn't it sharing your bread with the hungry and bringing the homeless poor into your house, covering the naked when you see them, and not hiding from your own family? **8** Then your light will break out like the dawn, and you will be healed quickly. Your own righteousness will walk before you, and the LORD's glory will be your rear guard. **9** Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and God will say, “I'm here.” If you remove the yoke from among you, the finger-pointing, the wicked speech; **10** if you open your heart to the hungry, and provide abundantly for those who are afflicted, your light will shine in the darkness, and your gloom will be like the moon. **11** The LORD will guide you continually and provide for you, even in parched places. He will rescue your bones. You will be like a watered garden, like a spring of water that won't run dry. **12** They will rebuild ancient ruins on your account; the foundations on your account; the foundations of generations past you will restore. You will be called Mender of Broken Walls, Restorer of Liveable Streets.

Congregational Hymn – “*Ministry and Presence*” Lenten Series hymn 2, v.1-3 Angela Gricar

Sermon: “Does God Answer Prayers?” Bishop Julius C. Trimble

Pastoral Prayer/Lord’s Prayer – Rev. Allison Mark

We Respond to God’s Grace

Offering Our Gifts – Rev. Allison Mark

Doxology* -- “*Glory Be to the Father*” UHM#71 Angela Gricar

***Offertory – Prayer of Dedication**

Momo Wada

Mighty God, bless these gifts,
That they may bring strength to our faith,
Love to your world,
And comfort to the forsaken.

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Going Forth in God’s Holy Name

Faith in Action – The Ministry of Faith UMC Minister
Ainise Isama’u

Closing Hymn -- “*The Old Rugged Cross*” UHM#504 Angela Gricar

Commission and Blessings – Rev. Allison Mark

Passing of the Peace – Postlude Rev. Allison Mark