



Van Meter UMC

Nurturing children, supporting families, creating community as we share our faith.



Turning the Tables?

Adult Discussion Group 9:30 AM



Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors

Worship 10:45 AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

March 10, 2024 ☩ Fourth Sunday in Lent

Assistive listening devices are available from ushers.

PRELUDE

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES:

Hymnal 545

The Church's One Foundation

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us greet one another with signs of peace and love.

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Please remain standing as you are able.)*

Who is this who enters the doors of our temple, who overturns the tables,
strews silver and gold on the floor, frees the sacrificial doves from gilded cages?

Listen, as they rise; the beating of their wings is a song of loud hosanna.

**It is Jesus of Galilee, the Son of God,
who comes to cleanse the great temple,
to restore its subverted chambers
to a house of hallowed prayer.**

Then let us open the doors of our hearts even wider, so He can cast out the thieves
who would take what is sacred and tender and turn it hard as gold in a fist.

**May the temple within us
be a refuge where doves of peace roost in the rafters.**

May it be a garden that bears the fruits of a generous spirit.

**Oh Lord, take what is corrupt and withered
and let it break forth in beauty.**

*Indicates stand, as you are able. **Bold** indicates all join in. FWS indicates *The Faith We Sing* book.

(Please be seated.)

UNISON PRAYER:

**Holy God, in Jesus Christ You have built for us
an eternal house, a temple of righteousness,
a place of gracious plenty for the hungry
and abundant life for the poor in spirit.**

Fill us with zeal for the body of Christ.

**Overturn the tables of corruption and greed
and upset the imbalance of injustice,
so that we may worship You in spirit and truth;
through Christ Jesus, who is risen indeed. Amen.**

HYMN of PREPARATION

Unsettled World

FWS 2183

OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Rev. Beth

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, for ever. Amen.

OUR TIME OF GIVING

We humbly ask for your tithe to the Holy Spirit to be shared through our church as we provide ministry through our local, state, and world UMC connections. We are very grateful to be able to share in ministry with you as our generosity is greater shared together.

***DOXOLOGY**

Hymnal 95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

INSPIRATIONAL MUSIC:

Chancel Choir

Is It I, Lord

SCRIPTURE READING:

Matthew 21:12-17; Philippians 2:1-13

L: The Living Word of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE:

Rev. Beth Harbaugh

“Turning the Tables?”

***CLOSING HYMN:**

Hymnal 557

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated for a moment of reflection.)*

We hope that you have been uplifted by the Holy Spirit in worship of our Triune God. We have all been present and engaged with one another through the Oneness of Christ in Love and Peace. Please take these blessings with you and enliven the Holy Spirit in others to also bless them in their daily lives.

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All the Church Members

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Mike Cooper

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Melody Laake

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Brianna Redmond

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