

WARREN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Mission Statement

Warren United Methodist Church is a congregation providing a sanctuary of healing and a source of education and empowerment. We seek to reflect God's love and justice as revealed in Jesus Christ by acting with compassion and grace.

Our diverse community strives to be open and welcoming to all persons, including those of any race, age, gender, sexual orientation, mental and physical ability or other differences in social and cultural status.

The love of God encompasses all creation.

Warren Church:

- Engages and supports each person on their faith journey.
- celebrates the diversity of God's creation and God's children.
- professes socially and theologically progressive Christian values.
- reaches out to those in need, especially within the Capitol Hill neighborhood.

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Return Service Available



There Isn't Enough Darkness in All the World To Put Out the Light of One Small Candle.

February 28, 2010—2nd Sunday of Lent

Order of Worship

Liturgist: Richard Jaworowski

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal (red book); TFWS: The Faith We Sing (black book)
 Large-print hymnals and assisted hearing devices are available.
 Please speak with the pastor or an usher.

We Gather Together

Welcome and News

Music for Gathering *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* **UMH 133 (v. 1)**

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
 what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.
 Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
 leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Scripture Psalm 27

Prelude *I Stand Amazed in the Presence* Jordan

Call to Worship* (*rise in spirit*)

Put away your hesitation to come before God;
 quiet your fears and anxieties, for God welcomes us.

**God is our light and our salvation;
 whom shall we fear?**

Look to the heavens for inspiration and assurance;
 look around you, for God's presence is everywhere.

**God is the stronghold of our lives;
 of whom shall we be afraid?**

Let us watch and wait with our Creator;
 let us trust in the one who gives life and hope.

**Teach us your ways, O God,
 and lead us on a level path.**

Opening Hymn (*rise in spirit*) *Lord of the Dance* **UMH 261**

Opening Prayer* (*rise in spirit*)

**Faithful God, we gather as your people,
 longing for your presence.**

**We bring our doubts and fears,
 trusting that your grace will bring us the peace we lack.**

May we dwell in your house, delighting in your beauty.

**Teach us your ways, that we may abide in your grace
 and see the world as your home. Amen.**

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Welcome Home!

Children's Time (all children are invited to come up to the steps)
Hymn of Welcome *Where Children Belong* **TFWS 2233**

*This, this is where children belong,
welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:
This is where children belong.*

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Confession

God of all people, we confess that we would like to claim your majesty and power for our exclusive benefit. We relish the good things of life and are reluctant to share with those who seem less deserving. We resist the prophets who point out our greed, even when we feel we are being generous. We resent persons in positions of authority over us who seem not to have our best interests at heart. We are angry about ones whose evil deeds seem to go unpunished. O God, how can we receive your mercy when we are so reluctant to pass it on? Help us to center our lives in your love more than on our own desires. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

God does not cast us off or forsake us but is with us in our suffering and adversity. Even when we live as enemies of the cross, the God of Jesus Christ does not give up on us. Surely there is shelter for us in the midst of our troubles and forgiveness when we have gone our own way. Lift up your eyes to behold God's promises. Praise God with songs and shouts of joy.

Words of Assurance

Lighting the Candles of Prayer

Pastoral Prayer **God of Mercy, make us new.**

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,
forever.**

Choral Amen **UMH 898**

We Hear the Word

Scripture **Luke 13:31-35**

Sermon **Rev. Malcolm Himschoot**
"Creation, Relationship, Purpose, and Reconciliation"

Hymn of Reflection **TFWS 2216**
When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Doxology (rise in spirit)

UMH 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

In the confidence that you will multiply our best efforts, we bring our offerings for the work of your church in the world. Holy God, it is a joy to present our sacrifices, for we are as blessed in our giving as we have been in receiving abundant goodness from your hand. Keep us from the permanent structures that might block spontaneous responses to your love. Amen.

We Scatter to Serve

Closing Hymn

(rise in spirit)

Sacred the Body

TFWS 2228

Benediction

Go as God's love into the world,
bearing burdens and enduring challenges.
Go as Christ's children into the world
hoping for goodness and believing in miracles.
Go with the Spirit into the world,
letting love be your guide.
We are God's love to the world!

Choral Response

On Eagle's Wings

UMH 143

*And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of God's hand,
and hold you in the palm of God's hand.*

Sending Forth The worship leaders will greet the first person in each row with the words, "**May the peace of God be with you,**" to which you may respond, "**also with you.**" Then greet the person next to you with a handshake or an embrace and with the same words.

Postlude

Postlude on 'Autumn'

Scrivener

*Lord God,
in this world where goodness and evil
continue to clash with each other,
instill in us, and in all your people,
discernment to see what is right,
faith to believe what is right,
and courage to do what is right.*

*Keep us aware of the subtlety of sin,
and preserve us, body, mind and soul,
through the power of your Holy
Spirit. AMEN.*