

McCORMICK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
March 26, 2023 - 10:00 AM
Fifth Sunday in Lent
UMCOR Sunday
Holy Baptism

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude for the Lenten Season Donnell Harris

UMCOR Sunday Don Smith

Opening Prayer Lay Reader

Reader: I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'
Let us pray.

All: Gracious and loving God, we stand this morning like the crowds outside the tomb of Lazarus long ago. We are curious, wondering what you are going to do. While others may expect to be disappointed, we're prepared to be surprised. We know that as you brought life to him through Jesus Christ your Son, you will also touch us with your Spirit, causing us to cast aside the wrappings of death, to walk in newness of life. Call us this morning to come forth, and we shall come forth and go forth into your world. Amen

***Hymn of Praise** *"Baptized in Water"* TFWS 2248

The Sacrament of Baptism

Anthem *"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"* Chancel Choir

Prayers of the Church and 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. Amen.

Response *"Jesus Loves Me"* UMH 191

The Scripture Lesson John 11: 17-45 Lay Reader

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks Be to God**

Response *"Open our Eyes"* TFWS 2086

The Message *"If You Believe"* Rev. Ledwell

***Hymn of Dedication** *"In the Garden"* UMH 314

Tithes and Offerings

***Sending Forth**

Go forth with the hope of new beginnings. Go forth with the trust of God's redeeming love. Go forth with courage and live in the promise of eternal life. Go forth to blossom and flourish in the Good News of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***Postlude**

*Please stand if able

Flowers on the Altar are Given
To the Glory of God
And
in Celebration of their 35th Wedding Anniversary
By Brian and Gail Gore
