#### EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

4901 Woodbine Road Sykesville, Maryland 21784 (410)795-6136 Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor Linda Bange, Director of Music/Organist 11:00 AM

> Order of Worship March 1, 2020

#### The First Sunday in Lent A Service of Celebration and Consecration

#### WELCOME

Welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church. We are blessed by your presence. It is our hope that this time of worship will be a blessing to all. Please begin in silent prayer.

PRELUDE	"I Love to Tell the Story"	Instrumentalists
LIGHTING THE	CANDLES	
INTROIT	"Jesus, Name Above All Names"	TFWS No. 2071

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever, to whom belongs wisdom and might. God gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding. Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever, from whom all blessings flow! We come to give thanks and praise to the Lord, our God, and celebrate our blessings together!

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "Christ Has Made the Sure Foundation" UMH No. 559

#### DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

Brothers and sisters in Christ, this is a day of rejoicing. We come together to consecrate and dedicate this new building, its equipment and its furnishings. Let us open our hearts and minds to receive God's Word with faith. May our blessed communion, born of one baptism and nurtured at one table of the Lord, strengthen us for Christian witness and service, empowered by the Holy Spirit, as we gather in love.

GOSPEL LESSON The Word of God for	Matthew 16:13-20 the people of God.	NT pg. 17
Thanks be to God.	1 1	
SERMON	"In These Rooms"	Rev. Judy Emerson Tony Sager
PASTORAL PRAYER		2 0
THE GIFTS OF THE PEC	PPLE	
Offertory	"Old Time Religion Medley"	Chancel Choir
*Presentation of Gifts		
*Doxology		UMH No. 64
	Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!	
	All thy works shall praise thy name,	
	in earth and sky and sea.	
	Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!	
*Prayer of Dedication		
Generous God, d	laily you reveal the glory and splendor	of your
kingdom. Enable us	through this offering to focus on your <b>y</b>	way and not on the
temptations of this w	orld. We pray humbly in your Spirit.	Amen.
PRESENTATION OF TH	E NEW BUILDING	
	built for our church building so that the	congregation can broaden
	contribution to the life of the church and	0 0

new building is accessible for all to worship, study and serve and be in fellowship together. In these buildings are new meeting rooms, new office spaces, a new fellowship hall, a new food pantry building and rooms for all ages of people to grow in their discipleship.

We present this new building and new food pantry building to be consecrated to the glory of the almighty God and for service in the preparation of God's people for discipleship.

#### ACT OF CONSECRATION

Friends, it is with great joy that we gather to consecrate and dedicate this building, its equipment and its furnishings to the glory of God and to the strengthening of God's reign in this community. We are grateful for the opportunity to build this addition so the life of our congregation may be enhanced, deepened and enriched through meetings, social gatherings, educational endeavors, the study of God's Word and for holy worship and spiritual renewal.

Therefore, we the members of this congregation, with glad and grateful hearts, consecrate and dedicate these buildings to the glory, and in the name of, the holy and triune God.

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In grateful remembrance of all who have loved and served this church in the past and for those who will serve it in the future.

We, with sincere gratitude, consecrate and dedicate these buildings, equipment and furnishings.

In appreciation of all the church members, friends, neighbors, sub-contractors and committees who have given of their time, talents and gifts so that it might be built.

We consecrate and dedicate these buildings, equipment and furnishings.

We give thanks for the efforts of MP Construction, our Capital Campaign Committee, Finance Committee, Trustees and Building Committee. We give thanks for the many members who were creative and flexible with space allocation during this process. We give thanks for the generosity of all who contributed to this project.

We consecrate and dedicate these buildings, equipment, and furnishings.

To provide an appropriate place where the minds and hearts of all may quest for truth, beauty, goodness, mercy and grace.

We consecrate and dedicate these buildings, equipment and furnishings.

To the teacher of Galilee, who draws all peoples unto himself for instruction and renewal.

We consecrate and dedicate these buildings, equipment and furnishings.

To the ministry of administration upon whose ability and faithfulness guides the wise conduct of our life together and our ministry in the world.

We consecrate and dedicate these buildings, equipment and furnishings. We also consecrate and dedicate ourselves anew to that service of humanity in which we perform the true service of God.

ANTHEM

"Holy, True and Faithful God"

Chancel Choir

#### PRAYER

Almighty God, fountain of all wisdom, goodness and love, to the truth that makes us free and to the community of all the humble who seek after you; for faith, hope, love, joy and the communion of all the saints; to the work of righteousness that brings quietness, peace and assurance forever; to the service of love that never fails ,but believes all things and endures all things; to the helpfulness that lifts human burdens by sharing them; to the following of Jesus by our laboring for the coming of God's reign in our world-

# We do now consecrate and dedicate this building, equipment and furnishings. Establish the work of our hands, O God.

Furthermore, we give thanks to you for all your servants, our parents, teachers, benefactors and friends, whose faithful love and devotion, witness and service, have led us and this congregation, into the joy of this day. Help us guard this treasure, be blessed by it, nurture it and pass it on to the coming generation, that they may serve you; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

#### 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.

Breaking the Bread Sharing the Cup Communion offering for Carroll County Food Sunday

Anthem	"Order My Steps"	Chancel Choir
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Prayer Following Communion

Lord, you now have set your servants free to go in peace as you have promised. For these eyes of ours have seen the Savior whom you have prepared for all the world to see! Blessing and honor and glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN	"We are Called"	TFWS No. 2172
DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		

\*POSTLUDE

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"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Instrumentalists





THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH

559 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



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## Jesus, Name Above All Names

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### Welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church

Website: ebenezerumchurch.org Church Office Hours -Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

> Worship: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM March 1, 2020

<u>Church Office</u>: (410) 795-6136 <u>Pastor's Office</u>: (410) 795-1237

<u>Pastor:</u> Rev. Judy Emerson <u>Music Director</u>: Linda Bange <u>Treasurer:</u> Sandy Wean <u>Church Email</u>: <u>eumcwinfield@gmail.com</u> <u>Pastor's Email</u>: <u>revjae@aol.com</u>

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March 1

<u>Secretary</u>: Cindi Arnold <u>Nursery Coordinator</u>: Jess Middleton <u>Nursery Coordinator</u>: Lisa Humphries

Notes

<u>Nursery</u> for Infants through Kindergarten is every Sunday at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM. <u>Children's Church</u> for Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grades is the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 11:00 AM

	2020 Reg	gular Offering Sur	nmary
	Actual	Budget	Difference
2/23/20	4,108.25	4,290.38	(182.13)
Year to Date	42,805.25	34,323.04	8,482.21
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#### This Week's Schedule

Wednesday, March 4th

EASTER FLOWERS

# OWLS Luncheon – Fellowship HallNoonChildren's Choir – Room #36:30 PMChancel Choir7:30 PM

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### LENTEN BIBLE STUDY - "ON THE ROAD AGAIN" A Faith Journey

Each lesson of this six-week study includes a Scripture reference, a brief reflection, questions for reflection, a brief prayer, and a focus for the coming week. We will meet in the adult Sunday School Classroom each Sunday from 9:45 AM until 10:45 AM beginning March 1, 2020 and ending on April 5, 2020.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT**- March 20-22, 2020. Thank you all for inviting friends and family. We have 64 women looking forward to being together at Skycroft in a little less than a month. Final payments are due now. Please make checks payable to EUMC and give to Susan Brown or put in the offering plate marked for retreat.

**DATE CHANGE** – Due to unforeseen circumstances. VBS will now be held August  $16^{th} - 20^{th}$ . Please make sure you put this on your calendars. We will be having a meeting in late March for anyone willing to help.

**COLD WEATHER SHELTER** – The Men's Group is supporting the Cold Weather Shelter in Westminster the  $3^{rd}$  Sunday of each month with a hot home-made dinner from November to March. A signup sheet is in the narthex.

**ENGRAVED PAVERS** – Our new walkway and office entrance will include a patio designed with pavers. We are providing an opportunity for members and friends of Ebenezer to donate a paver to help pay for the initial installation of the patio and walkway. Pavers can be inscribed with your name or the name of a loved one. They can be donated in memory of someone, in honor of someone or just because! Please see the order forms for more information. They are located on the bulletin board.

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