

# Sunday Order of Worship

## First Sunday in Lent

10:00 A.M.

February 18, 2024

### PRELUDE

Ann Carter

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Lenten travelers, when you feel the security of God's love, affirmation of God's call, and covered in God's grace...

#### God comes near.

When you feel deserted and alone, starving and parched for a caring hand or an encouraging word, troubled and uncertain as the ground under you shifts like sand... **God comes near.**

When you feel emboldened to act, inspired to speak, energized to live as bearers of the good news that the Kingdom of God is here...

#### God comes near.

In all seasons of our lives, God comes near to us and does not forsake us.

**We gather to come near to God whose ever-present love remains near no matter where our journey takes us. Amen.**

### PRAYER

#### WELCOME

#### SCRIPTURE

Genesis 9:8-17

OT 9

#### HYMN

"This is My Father's World"

UMH 144

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Lindsay Fitts

#### HYMN

"Spirit Song"

UMH 347

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### OFFERING

#### ANTHEM

#### DOXOLOGY

#### SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 3:18-22

NT 284

#### SERMON

"He Is Near"

Rev. Gary Glazier

#### HYMN

"Near to the Heart of God"

UMH 472

#### BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

GREETERS: Diane Grey and Harper McBride

### Tithes and Offerings:

#### Fund I

Tithe: \$4,385.00

Year to date: \$30,677.00

Estimated Monthly Expenses: \$25,000.00

Please pray about how God would have you give.

For online giving: go to our website [www.fumckosciusko.com](http://www.fumckosciusko.com) and click on the word *giving*, follow the instructions from there.

### Weekly Opportunities

Sunday	9:00am 10:00am 11:00am	Sunday School Worship Choir Practice
Monday	9:30am	Tai Chi in the Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	12:00pm 6:00pm	Bible Study Wednesday Night Activities
Thursday	9:30am 10:30am	Tai Chi in the Fellowship Hall Ladies Bible Study

### Homebound

Meals to our homebound continue on Wednesdays. If you know of someone who needs a meal delivered to them, or if you would like to volunteer to deliver meals, please call the church office or Mary Al Alford.

### February Menu

Wednesday, February 21 Chicken spaghetti, salad, Italian bread

Wednesday, February 28 Soup, corn muffins

### Leadership Team Meeting

We will have a meeting for the members of the Leadership Team immediately following the service. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary.

### Special Call Church Conference March 6, 2024

The church Leadership Team in conjunction with the Starkville District Superintendent will hold a special called church conference on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024, for the sole purpose of considering a Closure Resolution as presented by the Leadership Team. The meeting will be in the church sanctuary. It will begin promptly at 5 PM with registration beginning at 4:30 PM. No other business will be conducted at this conference.

All those voting must be full members of the congregation and must be present at the time votes are cast. The voting will be done by secret ballot. No absentee ballots or proxies will be allowed. If you have any questions regarding your church membership, please contact the church office.

This meeting is your opportunity to vote on the Closure Resolution. Passage of the Closure Resolution requires a 66 2/3 of those present and voting to be approved. Please note the date and time on your calendar and ATTEND.

Thank you,  
Hollis Cheek  
Leadership Team Chairman

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You can also find sermons and morning messages on the church Facebook page at Kosciusko First United Methodist Church and on YouTube.

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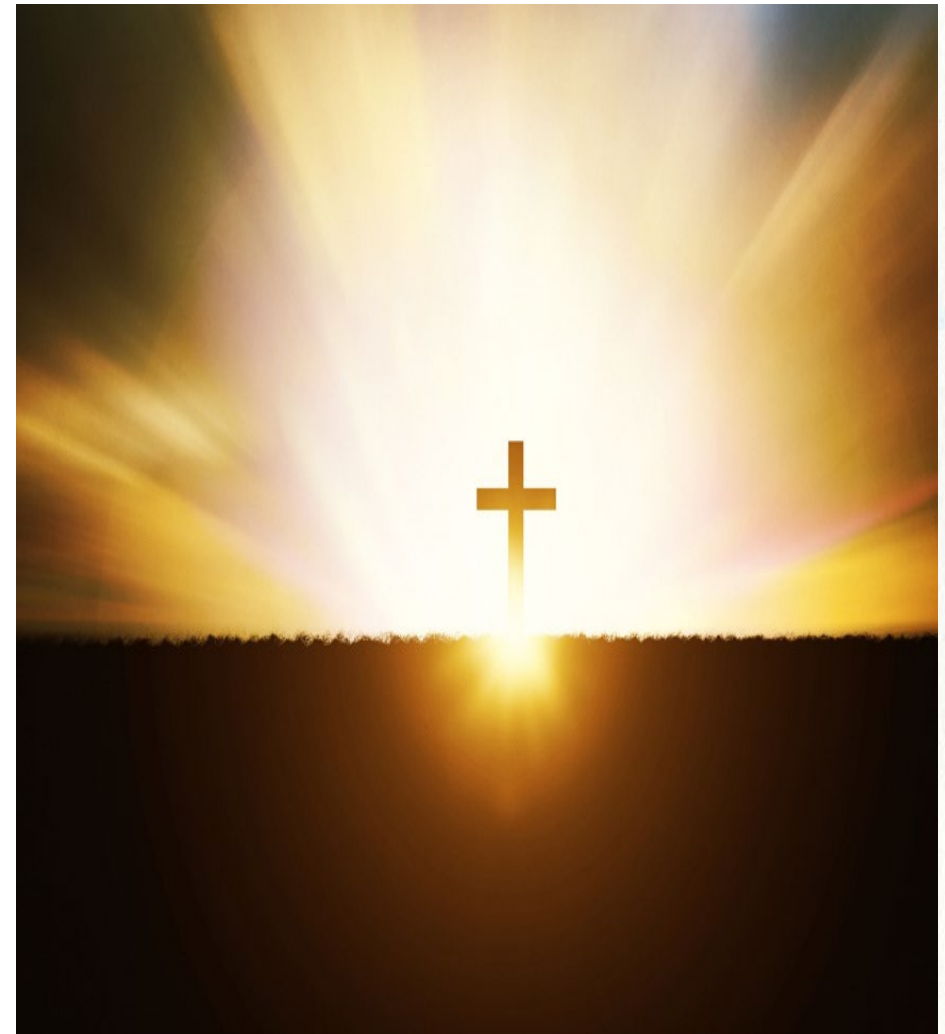
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