

Traditional Worship Order
The 1st Sunday of Lent
February 18, 2018

The time before worship is a time for fellowship and preparation. We invite you to greet one another and enjoy each other's company in the narthex or in the sanctuary, yet be respectful of the quiet others appreciate. Thank you for turning off/silencing cell phones & pagers. If needed, childcare is available in the nursery for 4-year olds and younger. Our ushers are prepared to assist you in any way.

* You are invited to stand, as you are able.

Prelude

Please take this time to write any prayer requests you may have on the prayer cards in the pews. They will be received during the offering and shared during prayers of the people.

Greeting: The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**

* ***Call to Worship***

Leader: A rainstorm, a flood, a boat, and a promise from God.

All: A rainbow, a dove, a sign of this promise.

Leader: A river, a baptism, and a promise from God.

All: A revelation, a journey, a ministry, a sign of this promise.

Leader: On this day, we remember signs of the past, but also promises for the future.

All: All are part of this journey of living, experiencing, and being the promises of God.

* ***Opening Hymn*** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* #140

* ***Opening Prayer:***

Loving God, we search for your promised presence. Reveal yourself to us this day in mighty mountains and brilliant rainbows, in quiet dinners and sacred moments, in joyous children and grieving friends. Guide us on the Lenten journey toward the darkness of death and the hope of resurrection. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

* ***Welcoming Our Guests and Passing the Peace of Christ***

Receiving God's Tithes and Additional Offerings

Offertory *Proclamation* Bell Choir

* ***Doxology*** #95

* ***Offertory Prayer***

In gratitude and praise, we remember the many gifts of your creation and the many blessings of your loving promises. Accept these gifts we bring, that others may find in them signs of your love and grace. Gather these gifts and the gifts of our lives, that others may find hope and new life in our giving and in our living. Color these gifts with the joy of your salvation, that a brilliant rainbow of your love may shine forth. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Community Connections

Please see the church schedule for the week on the 4-page insert and note important items. Those wishing to inquire about other services that the church offers, such as joining the church, transferring membership, getting confirmed, or having a child baptized, and as well as any other questions and information, please call the office during regular business hours 9:00 AM – 1:00AM and 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM Mon.- Fri.

* ***Hymn*** *Just As I Am, Without One Plea* #357

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Small Group Video

Scripture Lessons Mark 9:14-29 Pew Bible, Pg.714

Sermon Uncertainty of Faith Rev. Dr. Michael Roberts

* ***Closing Hymn*** *Blessed Assurance* #369

* ***Mission Statement***

Leader: We are a community called to worship and glorify God by

**People: Bringing People to Christ,
Growing People in Christ,
And Serving People for Christ.**

Leader: This is our mission.

All: Thanks be to God!

* ***Benediction and Sending Forth***

* ***Postlude***

Contemporary Worship
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Opening Praise *Blessed Be Your Name, This I Believe (Creed), Glorified* Praise Band

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Offertory *The Sparrow's Song* Sanctuary Choir

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Children's Message and Dismissal to Children's Church

Children are invited upstairs with the message presenter and at least one other adult to experience "kid-friendly" worship. Parents are welcome to follow to ease any concerns you or your child may have. They will return to the sanctuary during the final song.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

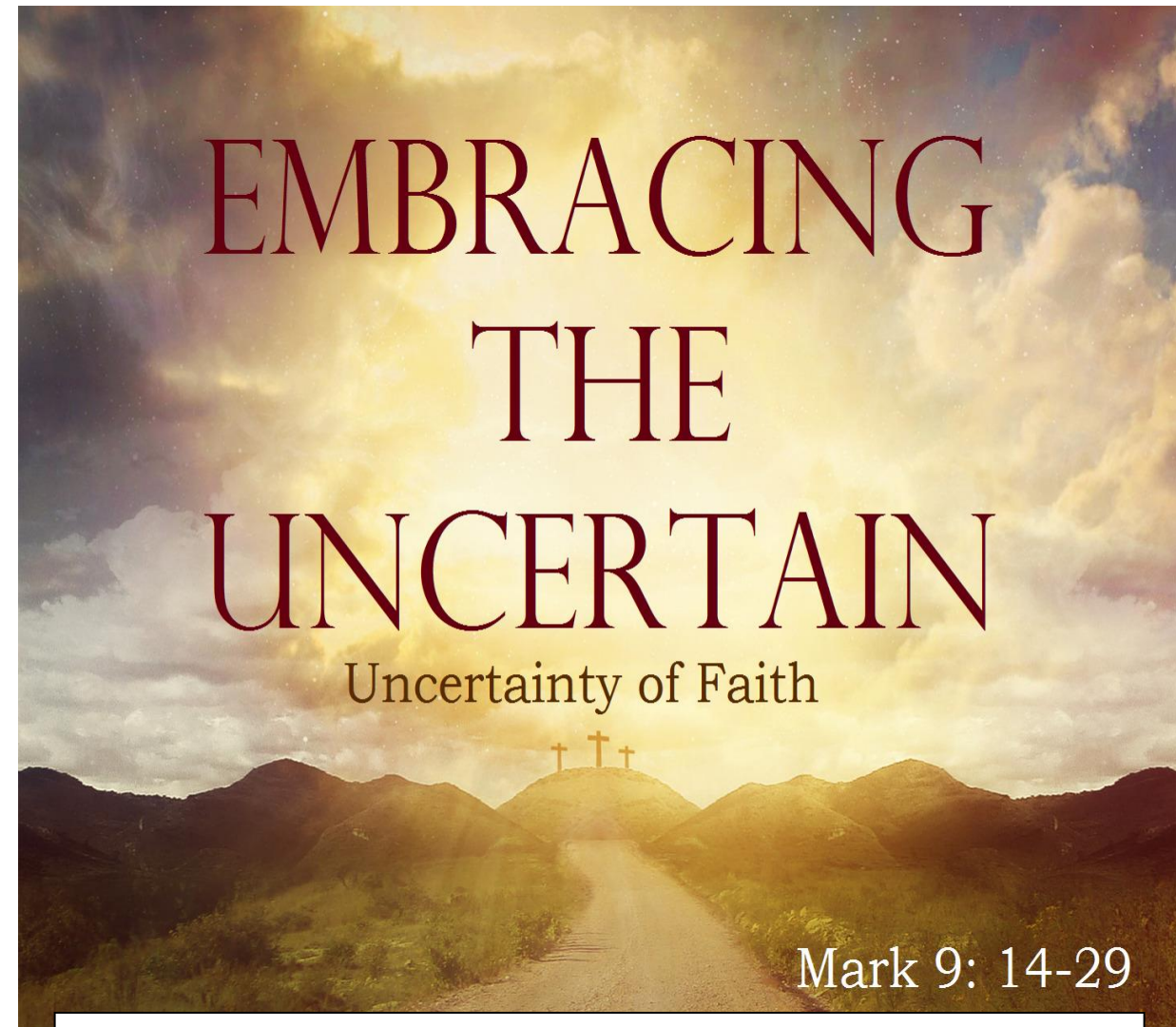
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Closing Praise *Unstoppable God* Praise Band

Statement of Mission and Sending Out



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We're
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Growing People in Christ
Serving People for Christ

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