

*Calling In Hymn	<i>The Love of God</i>	insert
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Welcome, Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Prelude *What Wondrous Love Is This* Chesterton

***Call to Worship**
The congregation responds in bold.

In this season of Lent, we make our way to the cross.
We remember the steps that led Christ there: our betrayal, fear, stubbornness, and sin—but also Jesus’ trust in God and God’s great love for each of us.

In this season of Lent, as we make our way to the cross, we seek to better understand the fierce, relentless love that God has for us.

We admit that our own betrayal, fear, stubbornness, and sin too often drive our behavior and control our actions.

And yet we seek to embrace with both arms a trust in God
and God's place for us in his kingdom.

So we begin our Lenten journey to the foot of the cross.

*Hymn *Jesus, keep me near the cross* (vs. 1, 3) # 617

***Prayer of Invocation**

Almighty and merciful God, your love for us is so great that it far exceeds our capacity for words to describe. You love everything you have made, and are eager to forgive the sins of all who turn back to you.

Create in us new and humble hearts, that we might receive your full and perfect forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Children's Time Alli Yingling

Offering	<i>To make an online contribution, scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin.</i>	
Offertory	<i>Ah, Holy Jesus</i>	(# 254)
*Response	<i>To God be the glory (vs. 1)</i>	# 102

Hearing from God's Word	
Scripture	John 3:16-17 (NT, p. 94) John 19:16b-30 (NT, p. 113)
Message	<i>Ah Holy Jesus</i>

Responding to the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
Anthem *At the Name of Jesus* Jay Althouse

Pastoral Prayer, with the Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your name, Amen.

Bread and Cup Communion

Hymn	<i>I stand amazed in the presence</i>	# 528
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*Benediction		
*Sending Song	<i>Jesus remember me</i>	# 247
*Postlude	<i>HERZLIEBSTER JESU</i>	Cruger
*Please stand as you are able.		

Today	12:15 p.m.	Children Talent Sharing
Monday	9:00 a.m.	ESL
	9:00 a.m.	Crafts
	12:30 p.m.	Backpack
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Handbells
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	ESL
	11:00 a.m.	Munch Bunch at 611 Steakhouse
	6:00 p.m.	Men’s Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
	2:00 p.m.	Games
	7:00 p.m.	Strategic Task Team
<i>Roundtable at Bridgewater February 23-25, 2024</i>		
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Christian Growth Institute Old Testament Course
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Our family greatly appreciates all the cards, calls, and expressions of love during the passing of Charlie Kurtz.

Those who attended the funeral from outside the area were so impressed with the beautiful reception and warm hospitality shown to them by our members.

We appreciate all who helped with the service and reception.

Hanger and Kurtz Families

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Worship leader (2/25) Janet Hartman

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Nursery workers (2/25) Lisa Newell & Amanda Leddy

Children's Story (2/25) Amanda Leddy

Head Usher Bill Hall

Sound Booth Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs & Eli Raymond

Acolyte Connor Hosey

Instrumentalists
Stephen Wills organ
Joe Blaha piano

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (2/11)

Sunday School- 50
Worship- 105 (in person); 21 (online) = 126
Ash Wednesday Services- 33
Women's Bible Study- 11
Offering- \$ 3,339.00; \$ 526.00 (online) = \$ 3,865.00

PRAYER

Rachel Mabe, battling cancer
Ralph Petcher, long term chemo for Leukemia
Dennis Shearer, prayers for treatment
Jane Grisso, recovering from virus

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We have a limited number of spaces reserved for those with mobility challenges. If you are able, please park in the spaces farther away from the church.



Pews and chairs marked with this logo are reserved for persons with mobility challenges and their companions.



Our Meditation Garden is available for prayer in the side yard of our church property.



Need a hearing device, wheelchair, cushion, or have a question? Our head usher will be glad to be of assistance.



Childcare is available during the worship service for children birth to 2nd grade.



Hospitality is an important part of our life together—we want to know your name! If you're new here, we'd be glad to make a nametag for you. If you've been here a while, we'd love to provide a permanent nametag.



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*AH, HOLY JESUS:
THE MEANING OF THE CROSS*

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 18, 2024**