

**Order of Worship: Sunday, February 18, 2024**  
**8:30 and 11:00 AM Services of Worship**  
**1st Sunday in Lent**

**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. MaryAnn Piccioni, Associate Pastor

**Prelude** *Meditation on 'Neumark'* M.E, Kerrick  
**Lighting of the Candles** Acolytes

**Greeting** Cynthia Prescott and Congregation

Trust in the Lord and do good.

**May the Lord give strength to the people!**

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

**God is our refuge and strength.**

(The Book of Worship 1965, alt.)

**Opening Hymn** *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* UMH 462

**Prayer of Confession** W&S 90

**Dear Lord, you asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose.**

**I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard.**

**You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice,**

**I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.**

**You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty. I closed them, for I did not want to see.**

**You asked for my life, that you might work through me.**

**I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved**

**Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you—**

**only when it is convenient for me to do so,**

**only in those places where it is safe to do so,**

**and only with those who make it easy to do so.**

**Father, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a usable instrument,**

**that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross. Amen.**

**Response**

*Kyrie*

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Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie, Kryie eleison.

(Lord, have mercy.)

**Passing of the Peace**

**Missions Moment** Manna on Meridian Barbara Block

**Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer** Rev. Piccioni

**Anthem (11:00)** *Lonesome Valley* arr. G. Martin Covenant Chancel Choir

**Children's Chat** Rev. Dr. Scriven

**The Offering**

<b>Offering Prayer</b>			Rev. Piccioni
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	C. Dobrinski	Handbell Choir
<b>Doxology</b>			UMH 95
<b>Scripture</b>	John 6:66-67		Cynthia Prescott
<b>Sermon</b>	“Are You Also Going to Leave?”		Rev. Dr. Latricia Scriven
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	<i>Standing on the Promises</i>		UMH 374
<b>Sending Forth</b>			Rev. Dr. Scriven
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>If You Will Only Let God Guide You</i>		arr. A.L. Page

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