

**First Sunday in Lent
THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
ENTRANCE**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

All Above
Celebration Ringers

arr. Peggy Bettcher

WELCOME

CHILDREN'S CALL TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE LENTEN CANDLE

COLORED BELLS

*HYMN 277 UMH Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus says:

"The time is ready, the kingdom of God is at hand,
repent and believe the Gospel."

**O come, let us return unto our God,
Who will have mercy and abundantly pardon.**

Let us pray.

**Most holy God,
we admit to you and each other
that we are so dazzled by the false gods of this age,
that we find it hard to recognize who we are,
where we came from, or where we are going.
We easily become caught up in selfishness,
seduced by cynicism,
waylaid by glittering consumerism,
and led by the nose along the highways and byways
created by powerful, vested interests.
Please open our hearts
that we may know ourselves more clearly,
and seek you more diligently.**

(the pastor continues ending with words of assurance)

*PSALTER 756 (UMH) Psalm 25:1-10

*GLORIA PATRI 71 Glory Be to the Father

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 9:9 -17

GOSPEL READING Mark 1:9 -15

ANTHEM My Lord, What a Morning arr. John Behnke
New Spirit Ringers

SERMON "As it was in the beginning" Jan C. Nicholson Angle

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION ON GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY 95 (UMH)

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN 156 UMH I Love to Tell the Story

*OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**** Congregation stand as you are able***



This Week at Grove UMC

TODAY 02/18/24

9:00 am Young Adult Sunday School
9:00 am O'Donnell Sunday School
9:30 am Nursery
2:00 pm Prayer Summit, Dublin VA
4:30 pm Hand Bell Practice

Monday 2/19/24

6:30 pm Grove Book Group, Zoom

Wednesday 2/21/24

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday 2/22/24

7:00 pm Centering Prayer, O'Donnell Room

NEXT Sunday 2/25/24

10:00 am Worship
4:30 pm Hand Bell Practice

OPPORTUNITY

Do you want to learn more about how the Holston Conference operates and what is happening in our churches?

"Linking Laity for Empowerment"

February 27 or 29, 7:00-8:00pm via ZOOM
This is a Hope Abounds Event

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Prayer Summit	Dublin UMC
Sunday, February 18	2-4:30

The theme of this year's summit is "Creating Prayer Movement Teams." Our program is meticulously designed to include workshops, teaching sessions, and practical exercises, all aimed at enhancing our ability to listen to and communicate with the Divine while learning how to help lead others to do the same. This summit is more than an event; it's a journey toward fostering a living relationship with God that has the power to transform lives, churches, and communities.

Choir Rehearsal in the Choir room every Wednesday at 7:00 pm. and Sunday at 9:30 am for practice.

Handbells practice Sundays from 4:30-6:00 pm in the Choir Room. Handbells play once a month for worship. Anyone interested is welcome to join.

Grove Book Group meets via Zoom each Monday at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in participating in the Book Group, contact Terica Fisher for details at 540-357-1016 or tericafisher@msn.com

NEW BOOK

The Last Neanderthal is the story of two women separated by time whose challenging and contradictory lives intersect. One is a woman from the last family of Neanderthals forty thousand years ago. The other is a modern day archaeologist who is excavating Neanderthal artifacts.

Centering Prayer convenes every Thursday at 7:00 pm in the Grove Parlor. At times, this is adjusted to late afternoon and around holidays we may skip a Thursday. For more information, contact Barry Anderson at 540-639-3953.