



**Marion United Methodist Church**  
**April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Welcome and Greeting**

**Rev. Andrew Kjorlaug**

**Prayer for 2020**

*Eternal God, pour your Holy Spirit upon Marion United Methodist Church, the Marion community, and its people. Help us to see where you are leading. Help us to share in your vision for our congregation and community. Help us to be part of the making of disciples. Lead us in being your hands and feet in our community. In the name of Jesus, the holy one of God, we pray. Amen.*

**Hymn**

***The Gift of Love***

UMH 408

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain,  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
2. Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

**Affirmation of Faith**

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. And will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

**Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**Pastoral Prayer**

*If you have a prayer concern you would like to share, please share it in the comments for the video.*

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

## Offertory

*During this time, we encourage you to use one of our online platforms to give a donation. This is an unusual time in the life of our church, and we ask you to please consider how you can continue to support the church financially.*

## Hymn

### *The Old Rugged Cross*

UMH 504

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
for a world of lost sinners was slain.
4. To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
then he'll call me some day to my home  
far away, where his glory forever I'll share.

## Scripture

I Corinthians 3:1-23

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollos', are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward. If the work is burned, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, 'He catches the wise in their craftiness', and again, 'The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.'

So, let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

## Sermon

### *"Context Matters"*

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## Hymn

### *Bless Be the Tie That Binds*

UMH 557

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in  
Christian love; the fellowship of  
kindred minds is like to that above.
2. Before our Father's throne we pour our  
ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our  
aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

## Benediction