\*Singing Our Faith # **374** *“Standing on the Promises”*

\*Blessing and Dismissal

\*Postlude

**Scatter to Serve God & Neighbor**

*Welcome to all! We gather to praise God for the innumerable blessings given to us and to grow deeper in the Spirit. Joyfully, let us lift our hearts to God.*





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***United Methodist Church***



*Making disciples of Jesus Christ   
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*Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church*

10:30 a.m. ~ February 25, 2024 ~Second Sunday in Lent

Our ministry vision for the Virginia Annual Conference is ***“to be disciples of Jesus Christ who are lifelong learners, who influence others to serve.”***

***Welcome! Join us in worshiping God!***

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

*Welcome in the name of Christ our Lord. Please register your attendance, printing your name, address, phone, and email, on the attendance pad provided on your pew. Thank you for silencing cell phones as we gather to worship God.*

Invocation

\*Greeting

As we gather this day, each of us brings something to worship.

**We bring the burdens of the week.**

We bring prayers of hope, and prayers of anguish.

**We bring our voices, and our offerings, and our questions.**

We bring our faith, tattered or whole as it may be.

**We bring all this to each other and to God, whom we worship today.**

\*Singing Our Faith **# 297** *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”*

Opening Prayer

**God, go and I will follow. Because truly, I cannot lead. I cannot drag myself forward, chin up and eyes on the horizon, when all I see is the mud caking around my feet. God, go and grace will follow. I've seen it all before. How in the smallest moments, the tiniest efforts multiply in your wake. We've seen the sun rise over an empty tomb and life spring up from nothing but dust,**

**so, all things considered, I suppose I should finally believe that you could do a lot with this day, my life, and these weary limbs, and learn to follow the God who goes first.**

Special Music

Greeting Friends and Neighbors

Prayer for Illumination Ann Robbins

**God our helper by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed we may be led into your truth and taught your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Scripture Lesson Ephesians 2:3-10 Ann Robbins

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Singing Our Faith **# 2129** *“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”*

The Good News ***“UMC History, Vision and New Life”***

Bringing Forward God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

\*Doxology **# 95 Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all Creatures here below;** **praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

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.**

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