

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

March 9, 2025, 11:00 am



Rapid City First United Methodist Church

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Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 1:00 pm or by appointment

Order of Worship

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1st Sunday of Lent, Color: Purple

Services at Rapid City First are livestreamed and recorded for later distribution.

**Stand as you are able.*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Rich Bensinger

Prelude:

"This Is My Father 'World"

Dick Dittman, Trumpet

***Call to Worship**

L: When Jesus was in the wilderness, he was tempted to save himself.

P: We often look for the good things for ourselves first, before the well-being of others.

L: Jesus was offered salvation if he turned stones to bread; if he accepted wealth and power, if he tested God's commitment to him.

P: In all these things, Jesus remained strong in his commitment to God.

L: May our commitment be as strong.

P: May our lives be placed in God's caring hands throughout our journey

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Our Mission Statement: *Loving God, Loving People, Making a Difference

***Sharing of the peace**

***Hymn of Praise: #189**

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Silent Prayer/Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings-

Presentation by Storm Mountain

Hymn of Faith: #178

"Hope of the World"

Scripture Readings:

Romans 10:8-13, Luke 4: 1-13

Anthem:

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

arr. Mark Hayes

Dick Dittman, Trumpet

Message

There Are Always Choices

.Pastor Rich

Hymn of Commitment: TFWS #2112

"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

*Benediction/ Closing Prayer

*Benediction Song: #402

"Lord I Want to Be a Christian"

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*Postlude:

"How Great Thou Art"

Sunday Services at RCFUMC are FAMILY FRIENDLY! We welcome your children to join us during worship hours. To help children have the most meaningful worship experience, we have created Children's Worship Bulletins specific to today's sermon. Children can also find copies of The Adventure Bible in the pews that they can use to follow along with today's scripture. For those with extra wiggles, there are Worship Bags located at the entrance to the sanctuary. In addition, the nursery is always available to parents and children under 5 years of age. At the 9 am service, the nursery is staffed with caring teachers ready to have fun! Please ask today's Greeters if you need any assistance locating worship aids or the nursery.

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Up Coming Events: April 8th is our blood drive

Pastor Rich will be gone from March 10 through the 16th. Pastor Scott McKirdy will be our pastor on the 16th.

Opportunities at Rapid City First This Week:

Monday, 10 Mar:	9:30am	Staff Meeting
	5:00pm	Men's, Bible Study, The Third Day VIA Zoom Only
	5:00pm	Karate
	5:30pm	United Women in Faith, Evening Circle
	5:30pm	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tuesday, 11 Mar:	9:00am	MMO
	3:00am	Suzuki-P
	3:45pm	Suzuki C
	5:00pm	Karate
	5:30pm	Women's Bible Group -The Bible in 52 Weeks
Wednesday, 12 Mar:	6:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous
	9:00am	Prayer Shawl
	3:30pm	S.T.E.A.M.
	5:45pm	Lent Study
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Thursday, 13 Mar:	9:00am	MMO
	3:30pm	Lent Study
	6:00pm	Praise Team Practice
	6:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Friday, 14 Mar:	5:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Saturday, 15 Mar:	9:00am	Al Anon Prayer Group
Sunday, 16 Mar:	12:00pm	Third Sunday Offering-UMCOR

Please find the update from the Finance Committee on how Rapid City First is doing during these financially challenging times:

<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Budgeted</u> <u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Budgeted</u> <u>Expenses</u>
<u>Thru Feb. 2025</u>	<u>\$68,745</u>	<u>\$66,800</u>	<u>\$101,939</u>	<u>\$96,159</u>

- Ways to give:** -online at www.rapidcityfirst.org
 -send a check to 629 Kansas City St., Rapid City, SD 57701
 -scan the QR code to give online
 -place offering in offering box as you exit or enter services



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