ORDER OF WORSHIP  
February 28, 2021  
Second Sunday in Lent

Hopewell UMC has a vision to be a community of hope for a hurting world.  

Mission Statement: We are a home for ALL people to be transformed by the love of God and grow in mind, body, and spirit.  


WELCOME  
PRELUDE  

CALL TO WORSHIP:  
Leader: In the beginning was the Word,  
People: And the Word was with God  
Leader: And the Word was God.  
People: He was with God in the beginning.  
Leader: Lord, as we gather today, may Your Word remind us that in Word, God is Spirit.  
People: As we worship, may we worship God in spirit and truth.  
Leader: With our joys and concerns, our worries and dreams, our questions and longings.  
People: We come together in faith seeking answers in God’s holy word. Amen.  

OPENING PRAYER:  
God, we delight in your ways and find renewal in your Spirit. Join us here today, guide us through the exclamation of your Word, the singing of your praises, and the joining of hearts and souls in service. Nourish our faith so that we may bear fruit that witnesses to you. So, in faith we pray. With our love, we sing praises. And with hope in Christ, the Living Word, we worship God who is our refuge and strength. Amen.
SCRIPTURE: Old Testament: Psalm 1:1-3 (NRSV)
The Two Ways
1
Happy are those
   who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
2
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
   and on his law they meditate day and night.
3
They are like trees
   planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
   and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

New Testament: Mark 8:31-38 (NRSV)
Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection
31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” 34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For those who want to save their
life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

HYMN OF PREPARATION:  
*Thy Word Is a Lamp*  
UMH #601

SERMON:  
*Work It Out!! Scripture*  
Rev. Laura Steele

OFFERING

CLOSING HYMN:  
*Who You Say I Am* (by Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan and Ran Jackson).  
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE