



First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We're glad that you are here.

*To all who need comfort; all who need friendship;
all who are lonely and need companionship;
all who want sheltering love, all who sin
and need a Savior; and whosoever will*

—we open wide our doors and say, "Come; let us worship together."

10:15am Sunday Worship March 10, 2024

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Ellie Johnson

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FOURTH WORD FROM THE CROSS Matthew 27:46
"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

This was a cry of despair. Men and women in every age have been brought closer to God by the realization that Jesus shared their misery and sorrow. This was a cry of agony. Jesus felt the physical pain of his tormentors. This was a cry of faith. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus asked God to take away "this cup" yet prayerfully said, "Not my will, but thine be done." Now He faithfully humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Today's symbol, the cock, reminds us that we are sometimes like Peter. We are so brave until we are confronted by others and then we deny.

*CALL TO WORSHIP Burt Prins

L: Lenten travelers, the journey is long. Let us take a moment to rest and breathe.

P: Only in God do we find our rest.

L: Sometimes the road is easy, and we bask in the warmth of the Light who guides us.

P: Other times the road is hard, and we hide from the Light, afraid for our actions to be made known in public.

L: Somedays we delight in the joy of journeying together on this road.

P: Other days we struggle with the temptation to judge and condemn one another as we travel this path.

L: Today, let us come into the Light together as we learn to love God and one another through the twists and turns of our

Lenten journey.

P: Come, let us worship God together! Amen.

*SONG: "Forever" Worship DVD

OPENING PRAYER Burt Prins

Gracious and loving God, we have gathered here in your name as an act of faith, believing that you are not only among us, but that you love us. It is often hard to recognize your love, see your mercy, and feel your presence. Help us today in our worship, that we might be transparent to your grace, as you reveal yourself to each one of us. Amen.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881 Burt Prins

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and 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, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

CHILDREN'S TIME Rev. Bonnie Davies

SCRIPTURE Numbers 21:4-9 (CEB) Burt Prins

*GOSPEL John 3:14-21 (CEB) Pastor Dave Yim

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

A: Thanks be to God!

CHOIR "On Eagle's Wings" by Michael Joncas

MESSAGE "Guiding into the Light" Pastor Dave Yim

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS (Email the office)

PRAYER FOR PEOPLE

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.

OFFERING OURSELVES

*DOXOLOGY #95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of unwavering love, you have held nothing back in your love for us, not even your Son. How we marvel at that kind of love, and how we long to reflect a portion of that devotion back to you. As we dedicate our offerings to you, lead us away from our tendency to hold back and worry that there will not be enough. Help us to live as the people of love and abundance you have called us to be. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #2219 "Goodness Is Stronger than Evil" (X2)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton

In Our Prayers

Emilee Derrer, Rhonda Harlock Smith, Gi-Tae Yim, Sandy Froehlich, Barb McFadden, Glen White, Pastor Bill Landis, Shirley Hastings, Alice Riffe-Torrison (Ronda's mom), Dale Wurster, Owen Davies (Bonnie's son), Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling's friend), Steve Runge (Ronda's friend), Connie Zink, Pastor Lee (Pastor Dave's friend), Don & Judy Greenfield, Sandy Pratt, Shirley Fritz, Lexi Tsoukalas (Molly's great niece), Alyssa Volkers (Burt & Peg Dauphin's granddaughter), Debbie Bilik (Janet Morlock's friend), Tim Cavanagh, Louise Brouillard (Ronda's friend), Scarlett Huebner, Chrissy Sullivan, Miles Purchis (Max & Martha Purchis' grandson), Dee Helle, John & Linda Jachino, Paul Mayer, Angie (Paula's friend), Roger Farrow, Kurtis (Susan Michelle's friend), Eli (Bob & Lavona's grandson), Paula Mayer, Young-Ho (Bang-Wool's father), Tinslee, Sally Ritchie, Chris Falk's father, Jeff (Backwater Gambler dad), Ed & Barb Jepsen, Bud & Sharon Atherton, Mary (Belander) Klein, Howard Nichols, Jackie Walker, our Confirmands (Jon, Aidan, Jiho, Asia, Caleb, and Lexi), and WC staff & students.

Our shut-ins: Sylvia Reuterfors, Dorothy Taylor, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve Yenney, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger, Herb, Sandy & Ben Pratt, Florence Bevins-Powell, and Shirley Fritz.

Our country & government, Military Personnel & their families, the safety of Ukrainians & end of wars, Syria, Israel, the Gaza Strip, peace in the Middle East, and the victims of everyday violence and their families.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

March 13 – Sandy Pratt
 13 – *John & Linda Jachino (1971)*
 14 – Tom Michels
 15 – Mike Melhus
 15 – Wallene Neumiller
 17 – Collin Fosdick

CALENDAR

Monday, March 11
 1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
 Tuesday, March 12
 5 pm – Finance/Growth mtg
 6:30 pm – New Mission meeting
 Wednesday, March 13
 6:30 pm – Lenten Service (Community Church)
 Thursday, March 14
 9 am – Bible Study
 4:30 pm – Lenten Bible Study
 7 pm – Zoom Prayer meeting
 Sunday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day)
 8:45 am – Adult Sunday School
 9:00 am – Trustees meeting
 9:30 am – Children & Youth Sunday School
 10:15 am – Worship
 11:15 am – Ice Cream Social
 11:30 am – Ad Council

WORSHIP HELPERS

	March 17	March 24
Acolyte	Jisung Yim	Ryker McCombie
Liturgist	LeaAnn Michels	Deeann Kramer
Counter	Cori Moore	Lori Miller
Verifier	Sharon F Guilinger	LaVona Grissinger

Last Week's Attendance: 53

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WC Food Pantry – is needing soup (tomato, chicken noodle, cream of mushroom/chicken) cereal, mac & cheese, Chef Boyardee ravioli/spaghettios, ketchup, and crackers. Please!
Blessing Basket – We are in need of laundry soap, and paper towels. We always need paper products. Your support is greatly appreciated!

The Women's Group is asking you to bring clean and dry plastic bags. The group will make sleeping mats out of them for homeless people. You can drop them off in a box in the sewing room at church.

Weekly Zoom Prayer Meetings – will be every Thursday, @ 7 pm. Pastor Dave will email you a link each week.

Rice Meal Packing – will be April 20th! Baskets will be out for raising funds. Once again, 4 churches will go together to do this mission project.

Pictures for Church Directory – Sign up sheets for picture times are in the Narthex! Please sign up! Really want everyone in the directory!!! See Ronda if you have any questions or concerns.

The Savanna Food Pantry - is open to volunteers again and we are to man it Tuesday, March 19th and Thursday, March 21st. If anyone would like to help either day call Molly Andersen at 815-273-2104. Hours are 9am to 12 noon.

Confirmation Class – TODAY @ 3:30 to 5 pm. Next class will be March 24th.

Finance/Growth – meeting will be March 12th @ 5 pm

New Mission – meeting will be March 12th @ 6:30 pm

Lenten Services – on Wednesday, March 13th @ 6:30 pm at Community Church. See bulletin boards for following services.

Soup & Lenten Bible Study – will be on Thursday, March 14th @ 4:30 pm. “Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith” by Adam Hamilton.

Trustees/Ad Council – meet Sunday, March 17th @ 9 am/11:15 am

Ice Cream Social – Sunday, March 17th @ 11:15 am to support Ronda going to National PAUMCS Conference in Memphis, TN April 3rd thru 7th.

Soul Sisters – Popcorn & a Movie – stay tuned for details!

Please make sure the doors are closed & locked – when you come to the building after hours!

Nursery Room Usage – per NIC Safe Sanctuary policies, no child/children are to be in there without a parent or certified adult (18 or older) present. Please clean up when finished.

New Sewing Ministry – We invite all sewers to get involved in our sewing ministry buy getting a kit in the sewing room. Several are available. (Pattern & material) Check out this ministry in the sewing room after church or ask any member of United Women in Faith. This gives those who cannot come Monday afternoons to sew a chance to be part of this important ministry by sewing at home at your convenience. Check this out!!!



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 Methodist Church
 Sunday, 10:15 am
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Vision Statement

“Our faith calls us to action in the body of Christ and in the local community to love God and to love others”

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