



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 17, 2024

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Jisung Yim

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FIFTH WORD FROM THE CROSS John 19:28

After this, knowing that everything was already completed, in order to fulfill the scripture, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.”

A bowl full of vinegar stood there, and they filled a sponge of it and held it to His mouth. In the beginning of Jesus’ ministry, He said “Give me to drink”, to the woman at the well in Samaria. In that very dry land, there were few wells. The classic greeting was to ask for water and the classic gesture of hospitality was to give water. Jesus had said “*Blessed are they which do hunger and THIRST after righteousness, for they shall be filled ... Whoever drinks of this water shall THRIST again; but whosoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never THRIST ... If any man THRIST, let him come to me and drink.*” Biologically, water is our most fundamental need; the ability to drink is one of our last powers. Jesus began and ended his ministry on earth asking for water. “*I thirst.*”

The INRI sign placed on the cross today is the monogram for “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.”

*CALL TO WORSHIP LeaAnn Michels

L: “The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Jacob”.

P: God has made a new covenant with us in Christ Jesus.

L: Yet we have turned away, hardened our hearts and spirits.

P: Lord, help us to change.

L: “I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people”.

P: But we have failed to be God’s people. We have chosen

our own way.

L: Turn again, says the Lord, through the prophets and through God’s own Son.

P: Turn us again to you, O Lord, and awaken our spirits to your love and mercy. Amen.

*SONG: “You Are Holy, Prince of Peace” Worship DVD

OPENING PRAYER LeaAnn Michels

Lord, we know Easter is coming soon and while we anxiously wait to celebrate your triumphant victory over sin and death, there are still difficult days between now and then. And try as we might, we cannot comprehend love and mercy so great as this. There is nothing perfect about us, yet you beckon us with hands that soon will be scarred by betrayal, greed, selfishness, pettiness, pride, and apathy. You see us and our imperfections with compassionate and patient eyes as we struggle to rid our lives of all the worldly things that distort, distract, and entangle us. As the cross looms ahead, our eyes and our focus are on you and you alone for our redemption and salvation. Amen.

THE APOSTLE’S CREED #881 LeaAnn Michels

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 Molly Andersen

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 31:33-34 (CEB) LeaAnn Michels

*GOSPEL John 12:23-26 (CEB) Pastor Dave Yim

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

A: Thanks be to God!

HYMN #2152 “Change My Heart, O God” (X2)

MESSAGE “God Will Honor Us” 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 the ages, we share our tithes and offerings this day with, but we acknowledge that most of the time, we are clinging tightly to what we have, afraid we might lose something we need and afraid somehow there won’t be enough to live our lives. The scarcity mindset overtakes us, and it robs us of the joy of our days. Remind us that Jesus has called us to be ready to let go of this life so that we might claim the abundance of life eternal. In our redeemer’s name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #480 “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go” (v. 1-3)

*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 Furrow, 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 (Belandier) Klein, Howard Nichols, Jackie Walker, Bill Eyerly, 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 17 – Asia LaShelle
 17 – Collin Fosdick
 22 – Patrick Holcomb

CALENDAR

Monday, March 18
 Telstar items due!
 1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
 3:30 to 5 pm – WC Food Pantry
 Tuesday, March 19 (First Day of Spring)
 Office will be closed
 9 am to 12 noon – Savanna Food Pantry
 5:30 pm – UM Men meeting
 5:30 pm – Beta Sigma Phi
 Wednesday, March 20
 10 am – Choir Practice
 6:30 pm – Lenten Service (FUMC)
 Thursday, March 21
 Office will be closed
 9 am to 12 noon – Savanna Food Pantry
 3:30 pm – Worship meeting
 4:30 pm – Lenten Bible Study
 7 pm – Zoom Prayer meeting
 Friday, March 22
 12 noon – Soul Sisters “Popcorn & Movie” @ FUMC
 6 pm – Girl Scouts
 Saturday, March 23
 7 am to 9 pm – Confirmands to Chicago
 Sunday, March 24 (Palm Sunday)
 7 am to 1 pm – Savanna Fire Dept Breakfast
 8:45 am – Adult Sunday School
 9:30 am – Children & Youth Sunday School
 10:15 am – Worship (Holy Baptism)
 11:15 am – Kids Kards
 3:30 to 5 pm – Confirmation Class

WORSHIP HELPERS

	March 24	March 31
Acolyte	Ryker McCombie	Asia LaShelle
Liturgist	Deeann Kramer	Ester Losh/Susan Michelle
Counter	Lori Miller	Rhonda Law
Verifier	LaVona Grissinger	Mary Irons

Last Week’s Attendance: 50

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WC Food Pantry – is needing soup (tomato, chicken noodle, cream of mushroom/chicken) cereal, mac & cheese, Chef Boyardee ravioli/spaghetios, ketchup, and crackers. Please and Thank you!
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 –We have a few more days available and want to wrap this up! We really want everyone in the directory!!! See Ronda if the times do not work for you.
Easter Alter Flowers – Orders are due Monday, March 18th by 10 am!!!
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 –Next class will be March 24th.
Lenten Services – on Wednesday, March 20th @ 6:30 pm at FUMC. services.
Soup & Lenten Bible Study – will be on Thursday, March 21st @ 4:30 pm. “Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith” by Adam Hamilton.
Ice Cream Social – **TODAY** @ 11:15 am to support Ronda going to National PAUMCS Conference in Memphis, TN on April 3rd thru 7th.
Soul Sisters – Popcorn & a Movie – Friday, March 22nd @ 12 noon at FUMC Lunch (bring a sack lunch & bottled drink), "Mama Mia" movie (1 hr. 53 min.) & **Popcorn Bar**. *Popcorn will be furnished *Bring toppings/ add-ins for popcorn (optional)
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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 Sunday, 10:15 am
 March 17th, 2024**

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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