



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 February 25, 2024

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Pearl Michels

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SECOND WORD FROM THE CROSS Luke 23:43

“Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

There were three crosses on Calvary holding three men whose lives did not measure up to the standard set by society for daily living. The charge against Jesus was brazenly written on a sign nailed to the cross: *JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS*. For the Romans, this was treason punishable by death. The criminal on one side of Jesus demanded a miracle by which they would be saved. The other criminal accepted that he was being punished for a crime he committed and looked to Jesus for forgiveness and salvation. To the one who repented, Jesus showed mercy. Three crosses, three men, three deaths. One criminal died **ALONGSIDE** Jesus; the other died **WITH HIM**.

Today, the robe and crown of thorns are strong symbols of Lent. In the face of pain, scorn, and humiliation, Jesus held fast to God’s plan and trusted in Him. These symbols remind us how great and complete a sacrifice Jesus made for us.

*CALL TO WORSHIP Joe Michels

L: Are you ready for this journey?

P: We truly are. We have decided to follow Jesus.

L: This is not going to be an easy journey. You may want to turn around and go home to safety and security.

P: No. We’re ready. The world is behind us; we are focused on the cross.

L: Many will begin the journey; but not all will continue. Are you ready?

P: We are ready. We place our faith and trust in Jesus.

*HYMN #2129: “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

OPENING PRAYER Joe Michels

God, you have given us everything. What can we give in return for our lives? Be our guide on our Lenten journey. Help us to deny ourselves, pick up our cross and follow Jesus. We welcome the chastening direction in our lives as we worship you today. Amen.

THE APOSTLE’S CREED #881 Joe 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 Esther Losh

SCRIPTURE Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (CEB) Joe Michels

*GOSPEL Mark 8:31-38 (CEB) Pastor Dave Yim

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

A: Thanks be to God!

SONG “Open the Eyes of My Heart” Worship DVD

MESSAGE “New Name” 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

Pastor Dave Yim

*DOXOLOGY #95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of love and justice, we have come to this place this day to worship you with our songs, with our words, with our gifts, and with our whole hearts. We are reminded that our discipleship decision involves more than what we bring this day to the altar; it calls us to a place where a cross that is ours alone must be picked up and carried. This, more than anything else, is why we need the community of your church. Strengthen us, we pray, not just to carry our own cross, but to help sisters and brothers carry their crosses as well. In the name of the one who bore his cross for us. Amen.

*HYMN #415: “Take Up Thy Cross” (v. 1, 3, and 4 only)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton

In Our Prayers

Emilee Derrer, Rhonda Harlock Smith, John Irons, 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 Volkens (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, Todd Orn (Mary Iron’s nephew), the family of Rod Furrow, our Confirmands (Jon, Aidan, Jiho, Asia, Caleb, and Lexi), and WC staff & students.

Our shut-ins: Mary Ann Larsen, 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

February 25 – Josh Hartman

26 – Janis Jones

28 – Denise Brinkmeier & Diane Curtis

28 – *Burt & Kathie Prins (1976)*

CALENDAR

Monday, February 26

1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

3:30 to 5 pm – WC Food Pantry

Wednesday, February 28

10 am – Choir Practice

6:30 pm – Lenten Service (GRO)

Thursday, February 29

9 am – Bible Study

4:30 pm – Lenten Bible Study

7 pm – Zoom Prayer meeting

Saturday, March 2

11:30 am – Youth Group to Taekwondo in Clinton, IA

Sunday, March 3 (Communion)

8:45 am – Adult Sunday School

9:30 am – Children & Youth Sunday School

10:15 am – Worship

3:30 pm to 5 pm – Confirmation class

WORSHIP HELPERS

	March 3	March 10
Acolyte	Boyd Law	Ellie Johnson
Liturgist	LaVona Grissinger	Burt Prins
Counter	Vivian Eaton	Molly Andersen
Verifier	Karen Hoffman	Tom Michels

Last Week's Attendance: 55

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Sunday School Wish List – Crayola crayons, Crayola 8 pack markers, Elmers white glue, glue sticks, scissors.

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.

Lenten Services – on Ash Wednesday, February 28th @ 6:30 pm at GRO. See bulletin boards for following services.

Soup & Lenten Bible Study – will be on Thursday, Feb 29th @ 4:30 pm. “Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith” by Adam Hamilton.

Confirmation Mission Work – Sunday, Feb 25th @ 1:30 pm

Choir practice – will be Feb 28th & March 6th @ 10 am

Youth Group – will go to Millenia Taekwondo in Clinton, Iowa at 11:30 am on Saturday, March 2, 2024.

Confirmation class – Sunday, March 3rd at 3:30 pm to 5 pm.

United Women in Faith – meeting will be March 5th @ 6:30 pm

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

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

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 an adult (18 or older) present.

For Your Safety – once church starts, all doors will be locked except the handicapped doors. So please use those if you are running late.

New Sewing Ministry – We invite all sewers to get involved in our sewing ministry by 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
February 25th, 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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