



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 5, 2023

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Jiwon Yim

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Esther Losh

Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

We are learning to follow Jesus.

When God says, "Go!" without telling us the destination,

Show us, Christ, how to go forward in faith.

When re-birth is the impossible way forward,

Christ, be our midwife as we accept God's call to be

reborn.

When we find ourselves in the in-between of where

we've been and where we're going,

Christ, meet us on the way and bless us in the going.

Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out!

Amen.

*HYMN #159 "Lift High the Cross"

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison) Esther Losh

God of the ages, we come into this holy space asking for your blessing, only to find that the abundance of your love is already around us. Open our eyes to see the blessing of your creation in the beauty all around us. Open our ears to hear the blessing of your word as it is proclaimed in story and song this day. Open our hearts to experience the blessing of faith through the

gentle touch of a friend or the supportive smile of a stranger. And open our doors, that we may become vessels of your blessing to a world still in need of salvation. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881 Esther Losh

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: Bonnie Davies

SCRIPTURE Genesis 12:1-4a (CEB) Esther Losh

*GOSPEL John 3:9-17 (CEB) Pastor Dave

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

A: Thanks be to God!

HYMN #389 "Freely, Freely"

MESSAGE: "We Will Be a Blessing" Pastor Dave

SHARING OF JOY AND CONCERNS

(Text Pastor Dave, 224-600-0446)

PRAYER FOR PEOPLE

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION / UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, there are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from You. We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out. You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to a wholeness with each

other and with You. Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERING OURSELVES

*DOXOLOGY

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of love and grace, 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 grace you have called us to be. In Christ we pray. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

THE BREAD AND CUP

*HYMN #620 "One Bread, One Body"

*BENEDICTION

We came to worship

We go now to serve.

We have been given the light.

We go now to let it shine.

We have been blessed by God's love.

We go now to share it.

We are Christ's disciples.

We go now to witness to all. Amen.

*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD

Vivian Eaton

Announcement

You can find pre-recorded online service on our church website and listen to the latest sermon by calling 815-599-1307

In Our Prayers

Billy David, Emilee Derrer, Chris Falk, Merry Florence, Matthew Foltz, Shirley Fritz, Rod Furrow, Rhonda Harlock Smith, Jill Hofstetter, John Irons, Judy Law, Mike Foltz, , Dan Piercy, Rich Rathje, Annisa (niece of Bonnie Davies), John Ritchie, Adalyna Rose, Ron Smith, Grace Struve, Gi-Tae Yim, Inga, Scarlette (daughter of Ashley Huebner), Kevin MaHomes, Sandy Froehlich, Dan Zambon, Pastor Lee, Bishop Dan, Fabiola, New DS Hwa-Young, Deb (Kris Yingling's friend), Barb McFadden, Tom Grissinger, Tim McCombie, The Family of Gary Curl
Our shut-ins: Mary Ann Larsen, Sylvia Reuterfors, Dorothy Taylor, Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve Yenney

Our country & government, Military Personnel & their families, The safety of Ukrainians & end of wars, Turkey & Syria, WC staff, teachers and students.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

March 5 – Greg Jepsen

CALENDAR

Monday March 6

1 to 3 pm– Sewing Ladies

3:30 to 5:00 pm – WC Food Pantry

Tuesday March 7

6:30 to 8 pm – United Women in Faith

Wednesday March 8

10 am – Choir practice

7 pm – Lenten Service @ GRO (Table)

Thursday March 9

9am – Bible Study

4:30 pm – Lenten Bible Study (Week 2)

Friday March 10

9:30 am – Soul Sisters Planning Mtg

Sunday March 12

Daylight Savings Time (Spring forward)

8:45 am –Adult Sunday School

9:30 am –Kids and Youth Sunday School

10:15 am – Hybrid Worship (Choir sings)

West Carroll Food Pantry –Please continue to bring your donations (Jelly, cereal, crackers, soup, and syrup)

Blessing Basket– We need women& men's shampoo, laundry detergent, dish soap, liquid Tylenol & Ibuprofen for children, Batteries (all sizes). Thank you for your continued support!

United Women in Faith – 1st Tuesday of the Month

March 7th@ 6:30 pm

United Methodist Men – 3rd Tuesday of the Month

March 21st@ 5:30 pm. Fellowship with Food, Bonnie's Presentation, and Book discussion

Soul Sisters– March 14th here at noon.

Baked potato bar lunch and "Fun & Games"

Health & Worship – 3rd Thursday of the Month

March 16th @ 3:30 pm

Potato Bar & UMCOR – March 19th

Rice Meal Packing Day – April 22 (Saturday) at 9 am

2023 Lenten Program

1. Save \$1 with fasting for Rice Meal Packing & Turkey Relief

2. Read the Gospel of Luke (reading plan is ready for you)

3. Join Lenten bible study with the Book "Luke" by Pastor Adam Hamilton. Next meeting is March 9th at 4:30pm

Lenten services - every Wednesday evening at 7pm

March 8 @ GRO (Table), Pastor Narda will be preaching

Summer Youth Mission Trip to Tennessee, 6/11 to 6/17.

March Communion Giving today will go to support Kids Kards Ministry.

Sunday School Lenten Program: 3/19 Pretzel Sunday,

4/2 Passover Seder Meal, 4/9 Easter Egg Hunt

	March 12	March 19
Acolyte	Dalton Shaw	Ellie Johnson
Liturgist	Molly Andersen	Bonnie Davies
Counter	Rhonda Law	Lori Miller
Verifier	Tom Michels	Sharon F Guilinger
Youth S.S.	Jason & Cori	Pretzel Sunday

Attendance for last week: 57



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Sunday, 10:15 am
March 5, 2023

Vision 2023–“Make Jesus’ Disciples”

Focus on making Jesus’ disciples
to transform lives and the world!

Strong in Worship, Strong in Mission, Strong in Education

“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:19)

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