

March 19, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Lent 10:30 AM

**Those who are able, please stand*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today. We hope the service will be a blessing to you. Today is the Fourth Sunday of Lent and UNCOR Sunday. Let us wrap up the world in Jesus Love.

The flowers on the altar are in Memory of Ken VanAlstine given by The Kevlin Family

MUSICAL PRELUDE: Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

UMH 462

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (In Unison)

God's blessings are all around us, in all the families of the earth. As human beings created in God's own image, we carry that divine blessing that he has given to each of us. The Lord assures us that from his grace, we can have hope. Even though we have not seen Jesus, we are assured of his presence and his love. Be assured that our greatest possession—the only possession that we can never lose—is our possession of you, O God. We are God's people. It is God who made us and we are His children now and forever. Through God we are saved and blessed. Amen

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Leader: Coming from places that have seen better days, we come this day hoping to encounter Christ.

People: We come with burdens and questions that only God can answer.

Leader: Come, all who need help! God and listen to the word of God.

People: Our help comes from God, the one who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Come, all who desire blessings! God will breathe new life into us.

People: Our blessing comes from God, the God of Abraham, the God of the ages. From the very beginning God has been with us in Love.

Leader: Come, all who long for salvation! Come seeking God's saving grace.

People: Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ, the one sent by God.

All: Let our hearts rejoice in God's kindness and love. AMEN.

GATHERING SONG "God will take care of You"

UMH 130

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (In Unison)

Loving God, as we gather here, on this day of sharing, remind us that you have shared with us your most precious gift, our Lord Jesus Christ. You have brought

us through the first four weeks of this Lenten Journey where we have shared our doubts and concerns. We ask that you guide us today to come out of our pristine setting of worship and look in the troubled world we live in. We let so many things crowd our lives that we sometimes forget there is another world outside of ours and we are not always ready to look at it and less ready to do something about it. Help us to keep our hearts open to you to see and tell all the good things that we have done and that you remind us to share them with the world in Jesus name. We ask that hear our prayers today for the World.

Time with God's Children: UMCOR SUNDAY

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS (Prayer request forms are available at the back of the sanctuary)

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE "Open our Eyes Lord"

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GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"The Hymn of Promise"

Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Long-suffering God, we hear the words of the familiar parable and, at different times we see ourselves as lost and forgotten. We have received blessings to which we today proclaim how grateful we are. As we bring our gifts this day, we do so in the humble gratitude and recognition that any and all blessings in our life come as your gift of grace. Use these gifts we bring today to help our World as we pray in the name of your greatest gift, Jesus our redeemer. Amen.

SONG OF COMMITMENT "This is My Song" UMH 437

Unison Prayer for Courage to Do Justice UMH 456

Psalter Reading: Canticle of Love UMH 646-647

Affirmation of Faith: World Methodist Social Affirmation UMH 886-887

GLORIA PATRI (*We use this ancient response to praise God for the Bible*)
UMH 70 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

SCRIPTURE John 9: 1-41

SHARING THE STORY "Jesus Heals the Blind " Pastor Joyce Royal

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Monday March 20, 2023 Free Lunch 11:30-12:30-No Main, Nancy & Ron
Monday March 20 Food Pantry 10:00 AM-1:00 PM Spring Begins
Saturday April 1, Council of Churches Easter Egg Hunt

SENDING SONG Precious Lord Take My Hand UMH 474

THE SENDING FORTH

We are a people loved by God. We will live as signs of this love. We are a people blessed with hope. We will live in light of this hope. May the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the courage of the Spirit, strengthen our faith and set us loose to share God's love with all.. Go now in peace, with God's blessing. We will do our best to advocate for peace. Amen

MUSICAL POSTLUDE "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH 431

Worship Reader: Penna Smith, Trustee Treasure/Lay Servant Music: Mavis Baldwin

Prayer List: Louis Antonucci, Penna's Family, Rich Becker, Anne Boles, The family of Bev Lorey, Dorothy Holly's Brother and Sister-in-Law, John and Shirley Chirgwin, Kevin Quaresino, Jennifer Bushey, Family of Claude Hinkle, Family of Shirley Galpin, Family of Paula Huebeler, Sakura Coffin, Linda Howland, Sheila McDonald, Art Schrum, Nicolle Brindle Valovic, Carol Johnson, Portia Robles, Cheryl Bielli, Linda Sammons, James Medbury's family

** If you have a joy or a prayer request or would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain group, please call Carol Johnson at 518-844-3354***

Welcome to Worship

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We Gather to Worship

We Scatter to Serve

UNCOR SUNDAY
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

